

SACRED CONVERSATIONS TO END RACISM (SC2ER): A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE JOURNEY

You are invited to begin a journey with Sacred Conversations to End Racism (SC2ER). The updated curriculum is introduced in 4 Phases. Each phase is 6 to 8 weeks and is intended to lead participants into conversations leading to sustainable actions that are historical and foundational to the *how* race was constructed, *who* constructed and sanctioned race as a model for American society, and *what* role the Christian Church played in supporting the division of humanity by skin color categories as a means for instituting the global European colonialism project.

Phases I through IV are culturally inclusive learning modules. The goal each week is to deconstruct whiteness as the norm in America—social, political, and religious life. Truth telling begins the reality that there is no one culture that is dominant over others. God did not create race or racism. God did not assign Western culture or Europeans over and against other human beings. SC2ER is a curriculum inviting, nurturing, and sustaining participants to be on a journey that values culturally inclusive narratives and people groups. The learning modules rightfully place all God's people on the margins. God is the center, creator, and sustainer of everything that exist.

Racism is a philosophy based on contempt for life. It is the arrogant assertion that one race is the center of value and object of devotion, before which other races must kneel in submission.

— The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

ENTER THE JOURNEY THROUGH PHASES I THROUGH IV

Each phase is inclusive of:

- ◆ Understanding who, how, and when the Christian Church and European colonialism created, sanctioned, and supported racism
- ◆ Engage culturally inclusive biblical texts
- ◆ View webinar sessions
- ◆ Listen to personal stories and poetry, as well as contemporary and sacred music
- ◆ Review short documentaries
- ◆ View culturally inclusive artwork
- ◆ Engage deeply with participants through group and one-on-one processing
- ◆ Develop meaningful relationships and commit to the journey to dismantle racism