

Hyde Park Community UMC Justice Ministry News for June, 2021

Greetings to all. We have a short newsletter for you this month bringing your attention to two upcoming events, one in June and one in July.



Summer Events Support UMC's Stand Against Racism

The Ohio River Valley District (ORV) of the United Methodist Church (UMC) has announced a series of summer events in support of the UMC's Stand Against Racism campaign. Details have been released for the first two events beginning with a joyous Juneteenth celebration.

Celebrate Juneteenth, June 19, 2021, 1:00-3:00PM

Juneteenth is one of the oldest of all African American celebrations. It commemorates the day of June 19, 1865 when African Americans in Texas first learned of their freedom from slavery under the Emancipation Proclamation (issued some two and one-half years earlier). Cincinnatians have observed this day with celebrations for several decades but have moderated official festivities during the pandemic. The ORV District hopes to re-energize the occasion by gathering for a celebration on **Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 1:00-3:00PM at the New Vision UMC, 4400 Reading Road in North Avondale**. The celebration will feature music, food, fellowship, activities for kids and fun for all ages. Mark your calendar now to join us in an afternoon of celebration and unified stance against racism!

***"I was reported as being a suspicious person . . ."* A Cincinnati UMC Pastor's Story - July 12 (in person) or July 13 (via Zoom), 6:30PM**

During a pastoral care visit in his hometown of Wyoming, OH, Rev. Meshach Kanyion was reported as a suspicious person. Compelled by his experience of implicit bias and racism, he created short YouTube videos sharing his story. There will be two opportunities to join others in watching and discussing his short videos. The event will be repeated on two consecutive July evenings. The first evening will feature an in-person, outdoor event on **July 12, 2021, 6:30PM at the Church of the Savior, 8005 Pfeiffer Road in Montgomery.** Grab your lawn chair and join Rev. Kanyion as he shares his experience and insight.



Rev. Meschach Kanyion shares his encounters with implicit bias and racism experienced while performing his pastoral duties.

For those not ready to venture out or just wanting to participate from the comfort of an air conditioned home, the program will be repeated **via Zoom** on the following evening, **July 13, 2021, 6:30PM.**

Registration for the Zoom event will be available on the [Justice Ministry Webpage](#) later in June.

We'll remind you of this in the July newsletter and hope to have details of an August event from the ORV as well.

Peace and Justice to All,
HPCUMC Justice Ministry