

Fall Denver Dinner and Dialogue Series on Race Hosted by Trinity United Methodist Church

Commitment to Participate

Invitation:

The following information seeks to convey the **purpose** of the Fall Denver Dinner and Dialogue Series on Race as well as expressly state the **expectations** for those who are agreeing to participate in the series. Please review carefully, and if you can commit to the expectations, we request that you confirm your participation by completing the form at this link: <https://forms.gle/MetNwNzcVJhcYQP59>.

Dates and Times: Tuesday Evenings from 6:15 – 8:00 PM
5 Sessions held every-other-week on 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9

Location: Trinity United Methodist Church, 1820 Broadway, Denver, CO 80202
(*In-person, unless COVID guidelines necessitate moving to an online format*)

Description and Purpose:

Over a period of ten weeks (five dinners held every other week) participants will join in “Dinner and Dialogue on Race”, a program following the model created by the U.S. Department of Justice. As explained on the website: <https://www.justice.gov/crs/our-work/facilitation/dialogue-on-race>

“The Dialogue on Race program is an interactive, facilitated process that opens lines of communication and fosters mutual understanding to help address racial conflict and decrease racial tensions. The program convenes participants from as many parts of the community as possible to exchange information face-to-face or virtually, share personal stories and experiences, honestly express perspectives, clarify viewpoints, and develop solutions that address community concerns.”

Seated at tables of eight, participants will share meals and conversation. Each week participants will be seated with the same group of people, which will enable them to develop deeper relationships. A trained facilitator and host will guide conversations at each table.

Community Partners:

Trinity’s Anti-Racist Allyship Learning Community has engaged with a diverse group of community organization partners ensuring the creation of a racially and ethnically diverse intergenerational dialogue. Scott United Methodist Church, Judaism Your Way, Littleton United Methodist Church, Denver Police Department, and ACLU Colorado have committed to participate.

Additional Information:

The Food – Prepared with care, following COVID safety precautions, honoring dietary sensitivities.

The Expectation – Participants will commit to attend all five sessions. This is key. Over the five evenings, people will come to know and understand each other, enabling more honest conversation.

The Not – The Dialogue Series will not include a religious service or any sort of proselytizing.

Questions:

For more information or if you have questions, contact Deb Meyer: dmeyer@trinityumc.org. Funds are available to help offset childcare expenses; Deb can assist you with this.

Due to space limitations and safe distancing, attendance at the Dinner and Dialog Series is limited.