

Attendance is Limited

To register: <http://bit.ly/2r9fBEa>

\$50 registration fee includes breaks and lunch on Saturday. A limited number of scholarships are available.

The Public Witness for Peace and Justice Team

- Strives to provide education and encouragement to NT-NL members to take on challenging social issues, and to be a public witness to peace and justice
- Creates opportunities and resources for congregations as they witness to the Gospel in their communities



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The Role of the Church in Undoing Racism

A Workshop
March 9-10, 2018

Questions

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Venue

Shepherd of Life
Lutheran Church

715 E Lamar Blvd,
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The Role of the Church in Undoing Racism

This workshop addresses racism from a faith-based perspective:

- **Theology** What we believe; what God calls us to be and do
- **History** How the past influences us today
- **Accountability** How the Church in faithfulness to God's call must deal with the reality of racism

This workshop provides participants with an analysis that specifically focuses on systemic rather than individual factors of racism. Through facilitated dialogue, understanding of what racism is increased, how it is manifested in all systems and institutions, and the role of the Church in dismantling racism in the community of faith and in society at large.

The facilitators are skilled in helping to create a liberated space for developing a common language and understanding that opens the door for new, bold and courageous conversations on institutional and structural racism. These discussions are critical for discovering the deeply rooted issues that have become

barriers to pursuing the mission that God has entrusted to the Church.

This safe place creates an atmosphere for all to engage in creative thinking, leading to ongoing training and organizing supportive of a movement toward becoming an antiracist Church.

WIDELY-RECOGNIZED FACILITATORS

Mrs. Joyce James is a racial equity consultant who provides training and technical assistance to organizations across the country as they address institutional and structural racism. She is the former Associate Deputy Executive Commissioner for the Center for the Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities and the Texas State Office of Minority Health. She is credited with being the pioneer of efforts to address racial disproportionality and disparities in the Texas Child Protective Services, where she served as the Assistant Commissioner. Under her leadership Texas became the first state to pass legislation requiring that such a state agency address racial disproportionality. Mrs. James is recognized nationally for the model she created and implemented that led to a reduction in disproportionality and disparities for African American and

Native American children served through state agencies.

The Reverend Joseph Barndt is an ELCA pastor who has dedicated the majority of his ministry to addressing issues of racism. For eighteen years he was the director of Crossroads Ministry (Chicago), an organization committed to dismantling racism and to promoting anti-racist, multicultural diversity within communities. For over forty years Pastor Barndt has been an anti-racism trainer. He is the author of a number of books including *The Role of the Church in Undoing Racism*, *Dismantling Racism*, and *Becoming an Anti-Racist Church*. Pastor Barndt is a community organizer and trainer with People's Institute for Survival and Beyond. He has served several congregations in California and Arizona.

FRIDAY - MARCH 9

4 pm Fellowship Hour
(Light Refreshments)

5 - 9 pm Opening Devotions
Setting the Context & more...

SATURDAY - MARCH 10

8.30 am Light Breakfast

9 am - 4 pm Addressing Racism from a Faith-based Context, *plus...*

Defining Racism,
Becoming an Anti-Racist Church,
and Training & Organizing