

A Report of the Anti-Racism and Equity Team

Presbytery of Southern New England

November 19, 2022

Our mandate as a committee is:

To work towards the creation of an inclusive, equitable, antiracist culture within the PSNE that will be attractive to all people in particular those who have been systematically excluded from full participation in the presbytery, as we seek to be cocreators with Christ of a just, peaceful and healed world/creation.

Team members:

Rev. Jenny Peek, Co-Chair
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For Presbytery Information:

The Antiracism and Equity Team is grateful for the robust presbytery participation in our presbytery-wide four-part training session *What Is Antiracism and What Does It Require of Us?* The training was facilitated and led by Jessica Vazquez-Torres and Ryan Lents of Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training as a four part Zoom Webinar during the months of October and November for the wider Presbytery. The sessions took place from 6-8pm on Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, and Nov. 16. Over seventy members of PSNE participated in the training. We are grateful to Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training for their thoughtful, inspiring and faithful facilitation.

We will launch a second training building on the first this Spring, including one cohort for white folks and one cohort for people of color. The cohorts will meet monthly starting in March or April for nine months. Participation is limited to 30 people per cohort. We will follow up with more details on how to sign up in early 2023.

For Presbytery Action:

There are no current items for Presbytery action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Jenny Peek
Co-Chair, Anti-Racism and Equity Team