

UPDATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 2023

## **A Report of the Anti-Racism and Equity Team**

Presbytery of Southern New England

February 15, 2023

### **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  
Rev. Kevin White, Co-Chair  
James Cramer  
Katia Dacunha  
Rev. Julie Emery  
Keith Rhodan  
Rev. Susan Trucksess  
Rev. David Van Dyke

### **For Presbytery Information:**

We are excited to welcome Rev. Ramy Marcos as the newest member of the Anti-Racism and Equity Team, if the way be clear.

Since the last Presbytery meeting, the Anti-Racism and Equity Team has been evaluating the response from last fall's presbytery-wide four-part training session *What Is Antiracism and What Does It Require of Us?*, together with Jessica Vazquez-Torres and Ryan Lents of Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training, in order to help plan our next steps. We appreciate all of the feedback we have received about the four-part training session.

**Updated Information:** The next phase of the Presbytery-wide anti-racism training will be the forming of two cohorts: Becoming a White Co-Conspirator, and Building a People of Color Community of Solidarity. Both cohorts will meet monthly for nine months for 2 hours at a time on Zoom. Each session will involve and opening with the two cohorts meeting as one before separating.

We aim to have registration open by this Presbytery meeting, and will close Sunday, March 12. The cohorts will begin in April. The specific dates and times of the monthly meetings will be determined through the registration process.

### **For Presbytery Action:**

There are no current items for Presbytery action.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Kevin White  
Co-Chair, Anti-Racism and Equity Team