

A Report of the Antiracism and Equity Team

Presbytery of Southern New England

May 2024

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
Katia Dacunha
Rev. Julie Emery

Ji Young Kim
Keith Rhoden, Jr.
Rev. Susan Trucksess
Rev. David Van Dyke

For Presbytery Information:

- The Team has received and incorporated feedback from the first reading of the proposed PSNE Antiracism Policy, and has finalized the policy for approval at this (May 4 2024) Presbytery meeting.
- The Team has debriefed the 9 month Cohorts with Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training
- The Team has begun to plan for the first of the yearly Presbytery-wide Antiracism Trainings, per the requirement of the proposed PSNE Antiracism Policy. The Team plans to have this first Training in March 2025.
- As our contract with Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training is coming to an end, the Team is discerning what the next phase will look like, how to best be of service and a resource to the Presbytery, how to continue growing and deepening relationships in this work, and how to best utilize the remaining hours we have contracted with Crossroads.
- The Team gives thanks for the work of those who are rotating off of the Team this month: Rev. Jenny Peek, Keith Rhoden, Jr, Rev. Susan Trucksess, and Rev. David Van Dyke. We (and the entire PSNE) have truly been blessed to have them as a part of this team. We are also grateful and excited to welcome new members of the Team who are rotating on this month. The Team is still looking for a new co-chair to fill the vacancy left by Rev. Jenny Peek.

For Presbytery Action:

There are no current items for Presbytery action.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Jenny Peek
Rev. Kevin White
Co-Chairs, Antiracism and Equity Team