

A Report of the Antiracism and Equity Team

Presbytery of Southern New England

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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 co-creators with Christ of a just, peaceful and healed world/creation.

Team members:

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For Presbytery Information:

- The Team continues to plan for the first of the yearly Presbytery-wide Antiracism Trainings, per the requirement of PSNE Antiracism Policy. The date has been set for **Saturday, March 1 2025**, hosted by New Haven Korean Presbyterian Church. The Team is excited to say that **the keynote speaker for this training will be Dr. William Yoo** (Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History and Director of the Mdiv Program at Columbia Theological Seminary, and author of *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church*)
- The Team coordinated opportunities for PSNE-wide discussions of Christian Nationalism through times of watching and discussing the documentary *Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy* at several locations around the Presbytery immediately preceding this Presbytery meeting.
- The Team is working on how to best be of service and a resource to the Presbytery, and how to continue growing and deepening relationships in this work. This includes developing an ongoing suggested resource list, and opportunities to be a resource for churches developing their own antiracism policies and engaging in this work in their particular contexts.

For Presbytery Action:

There are no current items for Presbytery action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Nancy Baseel

Rev. Kevin White

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