

# **A Report of the Antiracism and Equity Team**

Presbytery of Southern New England

May 2025

## **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:**

Rev. Nancy Baseel, Co-Chair

Rev. Kevin White, Co-Chair

Katia Dacunha

Rev. Julie Emery

Ji Young Kim

Rev. Rachel Mastin

David Pak

## **For Presbytery Information:**

- The Team sponsored and facilitated our first of the yearly Antiracism Trainings, per the PSNE Antiracism policy. We are grateful to Rev. Do Hoon Kim and all the many volunteers at New Haven Korean Presbyterian Church for hosting and providing such a welcoming space. We are also grateful to Dr. William Yoo for being our keynote speaker.
- We are already looking ahead to next year's training, and are taking both the positives from the first Training and the growing edges we discovered as we plan.
- The Team continues to explore 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 (available as a link on our Team page on the Presbytery website), and opportunities to be a resource for churches developing their own antiracism policies and engaging in this work in their particular contexts. We will be reaching out to the churches in the presbytery, and we also encourage churches to reach out to us if there are particular ways we can be helpful.

## **For Presbytery Action:**

There are no current items for Presbytery action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Nancy Baseel

Rev. Kevin White

Co-Chairs, PSNE Antiracism and Equity Team