

## Timeline of WBUUC Engagement in Anti-Racist Work

- 2019-20 **Facing Race Stirring Committee (FRSC) continues reflection-discussion groups and offers two workshop opportunities to learn about talking about race and the effects of racism on all of us. FRSC also continues to serve as a resource to the WBUUC congregation and leadership as our church collectively works to understand and dismantle white supremacy.**
- 2019 **White supremacist Patrick Crusius murdered 22 people at a Walmart in El Paso, TX on August 3. He admitted he targeted Mexicans.**
- 2019 **White supremacist Brenton Tarrant murdered 51 people on March 15 at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand — Al Noor Mosque and Linwood Islamic Centre.**
- 2019 **Discussions of Octavia Butler’s *Parable of the Talents* and *Parable of the Sower***
- 2019 **WBUUC’s 10<sup>th</sup> year as the northeast metro suburban site for the annual Twin Cities MLK Jr. Holiday Breakfast**
- 2018-19 **WBUUC Board of Directors selected *White Fragility* as their Common Read**
- 2018 **White nationalist and anti-Semite Robert Bowers murdered 11 people at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA**
- 2018 **Rev. Victoria Safford and six WBUUC members attend the *Undoing Racism* workshop presented by ASDIC Metamorphosis; the Facing Race Stirring Committee is formed as an outgrowth**
- 2018 **DiAngelo returned in June for another workshop based on her newest book, *White Fragility: Why it’s so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism***
- 2018 **Rev. Victoria Safford led 3 evening sessions on DiAngelo’s work on Jan. 31, Feb. 8 & 15.**
- 2017-18 **12 members join a team from First Unitarian Society to take part in the 10-session UUA program, “Beloved Conversations.”**
- 2017 **WBUUC members and friends attended an afternoon workshop at Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul in November led by Robin DiAngelo on her book *What does it Mean to be White?***
- 2017 **At the Unite the Right white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, VA, August 11-12; James Fields Jr. killed Heather Heyer by ramming his car into the crowd of counter-protestors**
- 2017 **WBUUC joins the UUA in holding two “White Supremacy Teach-ins”**
- 2017 **Led by children and teachers in the RE Program, WBUUC commits to studying and promoting the UUA’s 8<sup>th</sup> Principle.**
- 2017 **Religious Education (RE) dedicates the Little Free Library to racial justice books**
- 2017 **Year-long Congregational Conversations on the books, “A Good Time for the Truth” and “The Fire This Time.”**
- 2016 **WBUUC answers the UUA’s call to fund Black Lives UU for 3 years through special Sunday collections.**
- 2016 **Philando Castile was killed by an officer as he sat in his car in Falcon Heights in July**
- 2016 **Alton Sterling is killed by a police officer**
- 2015 **WBUUC members and friends travel to Selma, Alabama for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery protest marches demonstrating for African American voter rights. More than a dozen small group meetings involving 80+ members prepare the congregation to send the delegation and welcome them home.**
- 2015 **“Soulwork for Racial Justice” team (12 members) appointed by the Board to deepen and broaden WBUUC’s anti-racism work.**
- 2015 **White supremacist Dylann Roof killed nine African Americans in their church, Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, e.g. Mother Emanuel, in Charleston, SC**
- 2015 **Walter Scott, Sandra Bland & Freddie Gray are killed by police or died in police custody**
- 2014 **Eric Garner, Michael Brown Jr. & Tamir Rice are killed by police**
- 2013 **Jamar Clark was killed by Minneapolis police officers in November**
- 2013-18 **Over 200 BLACK LIVES MATTER buttons distributed at WBUUC**



- 2013 **WBUUC members and friends become active in #BlackLivesMatter**
- 2013 **#BlackLivesMatter is founded**
- 2013 George Zimmerman is acquitted of murdering Trayvon Martin
- 2012 Trayvon Martin was killed by George Zimmerman in Florida
- 2012 White supremacist Wade Page killed six people at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin
- 2012 **WBUUC hosted Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed for a workshop/seminar on the history of black Unitarians and Universalists**
- 2009 **WBUUC's first year as the northeast metro suburban site for the annual Twin Cities MLK Jr. Holiday Breakfast**
- 2002-08 **WBUUC hosted guest teachers on the history related to race for study groups over extended weekends**
- 2001 **WBUUC engaged in a congregational read of *Soul Work: Anti-racist Theologies in Dialogue* (Papers and discussion transcripts from the UUA Consultation on Theology and Racism held in Boston in January 2001)**