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APJMM Pulaski County Community Remembrance Project Hosts Free Online Interracial Dialogues in November

The dialogues, open to the public free of charge and conducted on Zoom, concern racial healing and racial segregation in housing, and will be held November 10, 12, 17, and 19, at 6:30 p.m. (Central Time)

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – The APJMM Pulaski County Community Remembrance Project functions as the local chapter of Coming To The Table (CTTT) in central Arkansas. CTTT is a national non-profit organization that has as its main objective to provide courageous spaces for people from different socio-economic backgrounds to sit at the same table and engage in honest and transparent discussions dealing with issues of structural violence and racial injustice.

CTTT gatherings are free, online dialogues to specifically address interpersonal, community, and structural racial violence and trauma. Two kinds of dialogues, led by trained facilitators, are available: racial healing dialogues in which participants share about their personal experiences and emotions of racism, and learning-session dialogues, in which participants together watch portions of a documentary video about racial segregation and discuss the issues raised by the video.

There is no charge to participate. Members of the public are welcome to join us on any of the following dates, and to register online at the Eventbrite page of the APJMM Pulaski County Community Remembrance Project (<u>https://www.eventbrite.com/o/apjmm-pulaski-county-community-remembrance-project-31689477351</u>):

- Tuesday, November 10: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.: Learning Session Dialogue about a video on racial segregation in housing.
- Thursday, November 12: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.: Racial Healing Dialogue.
- Tuesday, November 17: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.: Racial Healing Dialogue.

• Thursday, November 19: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.: Learning Session Dialogue about a video on racial segregation in housing.

At CTTT, descendants of those who were enslaved, descendants of slave owners, and all those interested in engaging in safe, constructive dialogue are invited to come together to envision Arkansas as a just and truthful community—one that acknowledges and seeks to heal the racial wounds from the historical trauma of slavery and Jim Crow, and the ongoing racism that flows from those collective traumas. CTTT dialogues provide a supportive environment to dismantle racism.

These dialogues are hosted by the APJMM Pulaski County Community Remembrance Project (the central Arkansas chapter of Coming To The Table), with assistance from the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service and the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute.

About the APJMM Pulaski County Community Remembrance Project

The Arkansas Peace & Justice Memorial Movement (APJMM, <u>https://apjmm.org/</u>) embodies a statewide collaborative effort to acknowledge, and to learn from, our shared documented history of hundreds of incidents of extra-legal racial, political and religious violence and injustices, with the goal of creating meaningful avenues for transformative peace and restorative justice through truth-seeking and reconciliation. The APJMM Pulaski County Community Remembrance Project functions as the local chapter of Coming To The Table in central Arkansas.

About Coming To the Table

Coming To the Table (<u>https://comingtothetable.org/</u>) is a national non-profit organization that has as its main objective to provide courageous spaces for people from different socioeconomic backgrounds to sit at the same table and engage in honest and transparent discussions dealing with issues of structural violence and racial injustice.

About the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service

The University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service

(<u>https://www.clintonschool.uasys.edu/</u>) offers innovative in-person and online master's programs that give students the knowledge and experience to further their careers in the areas of nonprofit, governmental, volunteer, or private sector service.

About the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, University of Arkansas

The Winthrop Rockefeller Institute (<u>https://rockefellerinstitute.org/</u>) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to continue Winthrop Rockefeller's collaborative approach to transformational change. We do this work by employing the "Rockefeller Ethic" which represents the belief that diversity of opinion, engaging in respectful dialogue, and practicing collaborative problem solving combine to create transformational change.