

Facilitation & Facilitation Support

Facilitators are volunteers and have participated in training through JustFaith Ministries, including:

- A Facilitation Overview
- Comprehensive Session Outlines
- Full Access to JFM Support Staff
- Training Videos Promotion
- Promotion Kits
- Support
- Monthly Update Email

Registration and Prices

Register online by Sept. 9 at <https://bit.ly/FRH-LivCo24> and use coupon code **71224FRH**. Livingston Diversity Council and local churches underwriting class fees. Books and materials are extra and may be purchased on your own or through Just Faith when you register (about \$43). There may be additional costs for the Immersion Experience.

Program Goals

Faith & Racial Healing: Seeking Truth, Justice and Restoration guides participants through the history of racism in the United States, that we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another.

This program seeks to help participants by:

- Learn about the history of racial injustice in the U.S., so that we might better understand and more effectively eradicate modern-day racial injustice.
- Learn how faith communities responded to racial injustice in the past, so that we might learn from their mistakes and successes.
- Learn from the faith and spiritual wisdom of those who endured injustice and stood for freedom.
- Develop practical tools for seeking racial justice in our local communities and our nation.

Sessions Include

- Prayer and Reflection
- Discussion of Reading
- Faith Integration
- Videos and Group Activities
- Spiritual Practices
- Guest Speaker

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Faith & Racial Healing

EMBRACING TRUTH, JUSTICE AND RESTORATION

Livingston County Program

Sept 19-Nov. 21, 2024

**Thursdays • 6:30-8:30 pm
(opening session is 6-9 pm)**

**at First United Methodist Church
400 E. Grand River Ave, Brighton**

Faith & Racial Healing

Embracing Truth, Justice and Restoration

This program helps participants understand our collective history of racism and violence, that we might seek real restoration with God and one another. This program explains the historical context behind the wide racial inequalities we face today. Though this program focuses specifically on African slaves and their descendants, this program will open participants' eyes to patterns of injustice that affect other people of color across the nation as well.

Program Outline

Opening Session, 9/19: Creating Community

Worship, building trust and a basis for our collective work.

Session 1, 9/26: The Big Picture of Racial Injustice

Examines patterns of racial injustice in the United States from a broad perspective, in order to stop making the same mistakes and end racial oppression in all of its forms.

Session 2, 10/3: The Middle Passage

The spiritual practice of lament guides participants in reflecting on a film that recounts the horrors of the Middle Passage.

Session 3, 10/10: Recovering the Voices of the Slaves

The group reads and discusses slave narratives, learning from the faith, strength, and resilience of those who were enslaved.

Session 4, 10/17: From Convict Leasing to Mass Incarceration

Traces the history of the mass incarceration, helping the group better understand the origins of the problem, so that they can better advocate for a justice system that is truly just.

Session 5, 10/24: Confessing our History of Lynching

Guided by the spiritual practice of confession, the group explores how lynchings and terrorism of the past continues to affect black communities today.

Session 6, 11/7: Civil Rights and the Struggle for Equal Education

Explores how white resistance during school integration impacted — and continues to impact — the education of our nation's children.

- Immersion Experience - Saturday, 11/9

Session 7, 11/14: The True Theology of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Introduces the relevant and challenging theology of Dr. King.

Session 8, 11/21: Seeking Restoration

After hearing from a guest speaker who works for racial justice in their local community, participants discern how they feel called to action.

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Embracing Truth, Justice and Restoration

Livingston County Class Fall 2024

Program Host:

Faith & Race Project, Faith & Social Justice Workgroup of the Livingston Diversity Council.

Location: 400 E. Grand River Ave., Brighton
(First United Methodist Church-Brighton Campus)

Meeting Dates & Times:

Thursday, Sept. 19 • 6-9 pm

Thursdays, Sept. 26-Nov. 21, 6:30-8:30 pm

Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 am - 3 pm Wright Museum of African American History

Facilitators: Suzanne Everett, Leo Hanifin, Nicole Matthews-Creech

Register: <https://bit.ly/FRH-LivCo24>

*Use coupon code 71224FRH

Contact: livingstondiversitycouncil@gmail.com



Books

The Color of Compromise
Jemar Tisby

Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome
Joy DeGruy

40 Days of Prayer
Cheri Mills

“This module impacted me by opening my eyes and heart to the ongoing effects of white privilege. It moved me to be more aware of the long-term damage done to African Americans by historic systemic suppression and slavery.”

Rosetta F., Participant

Learn more about program costs ...