

Hope, Gratitude and *Solidarity*



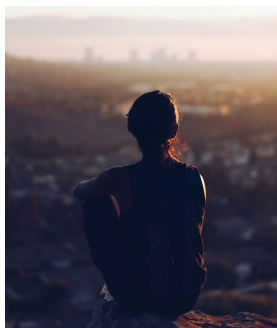
June 5, 2020

In these uncertain and anxious times, many of us can no longer come together and experience the support of worshipping together. Drawing from the many faith traditions that make up the Dutchess Interfaith Council as well as literature, poetry and music, we offer this newsletter as a ray of hope in our daily lives. May we draw strength and hope from each other in these difficult times.

THE BOARD OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY INTERFAITH COUNCIL STANDS SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

with so many religious and non-religious organizations in denouncing the murder of George Floyd. We support peaceful protests that ask our nation to address the unaddressed causes of racism that sicken our society and our souls. The work ahead of us is profoundly challenging, but our faith traditions demand that we look upon each other with the eyes of compassion.

We call all people to sit in judgment upon their hearts, knowing that it is our actions and our inaction that reveal our character. Let this be the moment where the oppressed are heard, supported, and uplifted. Let this be the moment where those who have ignored the pain of racism in America awake to see the injustice suffered by too many Americans. Let this be the moment we work together to bring about justice for all.



In memory of all those who have lost their lives due to Covid-19 . . .

The number of confirmed deaths due to Covid-19 has surpassed 100,000. Those who have died were mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, friends, beloved members of their community. In remembrance of those in our communities who have passed away from the virus, Dutchess Interfaith Council has established a "In Memoriam" page on our web site listing the names, ages, and a one sentence tribute of those who have died.

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[CLICK HERE](#) to leave the name, age and a one sentence tribute to be added to our websites "In Memoriam" page.



[CLICK HERE](#) for Information and the registration link on our website.

Race Amity Conference Symposium 2020

We invite the community to the Race Amity Symposium 2020, hosted by the Race Unity Circle. Our theme this year is **Envisioning Race Unity**. The entire event will take place virtually, on Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14. Facilitators from New York, Connecticut, North and South Carolina and elsewhere will host a series of interactive discussions, films, creative salons, including storytelling, that engage our imaginations and invite use into an authentic conversation about racism and healing. Whether you are new to this conversation or wish to delve more deeply into the causes and conditions of institutional racism, this Symposium has something to offer you.

**DCIC took part in the DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE,
All For One Joint Community Effort on May 31**

*We are happy to report it was a
BIG success!*

All For One Food Drive collected
\$29,000 and distributed grocery
bags and boxes to more than
1000 people.

Thanks to all who made this possible!



PLEASE NOTE:

Our June 10th Story Circle,
Potpourri of Stories,
at Mariapolis Luminosa
will NOT take place.

Instead we will hold a
“virtual Story Circle”
on June 24th from 7 – 8:30pm.
Registration info to follow, by email.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Power at its best
is love implementing
the demands of justice.

Justice at its best
is love correcting everything
that stands against love.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



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