

## ***The work of dismantling racism is a priority initiative of National Capital Presbytery.***

*Our intention is that congregations will share stories of personal and or church engagement in the effort to dismantle systemic racism. We believe it is vital to hold sacred space to discuss this work within your regular church practices. We believe that doing this work is faithful discipleship that impacts the mission of the church and strengthens the Body of Christ.*



### **Rationale:**

Leading an intentional conversation about personal and church response:

Provides information for the newly formed Dismantling Racism team

Provides a model of how to share a space for dialogue about systemic racism with other groups

Provides space to share how other churches are responding to recent anti-racism marches

Designate time either in the beginning or end of the meeting. We suggest this to be a regular practice with no more than 10-20min. The discussion will be ongoing and sacred work.

1. Share what has struck you and still churning in you from recent marches and protests?
2. What are the questions you still have or are afraid to ask?
3. How have your respective churches been calling attention to anti-racism work and spiritual discipline that goes along with this work?

Please be sure to look through the [NCP webpage](#) that is updated on a regular basis with Dismantling and Anti-Racism resources.

### **Suggested Scripture to offer with these discussions are:**

*Amos 5:18-21 (used often when people reference speeches from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.)*

*Micah 6:1-8 (used often during Epiphany)*

*Ephesians 6:10-18 (framing passage for the Racial & Intercultural Justice office of PCUSA, Rev. Denise Anderson)*