

An Invitation to *Vital Conversations*

***Presented by Bridging the Divide, a joint ministry
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Start the new year in an exciting way. You do nothing more right now than call one of the folks below (or sign up at church on Sunday).

In the past, you have expressed an interest in or have already participated in exploring the nature and effects of racism. We believe that ***Vital Conversations*** will inspire, instruct, and help to broaden your views of racism.

You might also consider talking with your friends and acquaintances about ***Vital Conversations***. There are no restrictions on attendance except that you care about the topic. Bring yourself and perhaps another.

Vital Conversations is a series of eight discussions about race and ethnicity. Most importantly, these discussions are about you and your fellow Christians. They are frank and challenging and are designed to elicit and, by this, to examine our own views of racism and the factors that have contributed to it.

The first session will consist of an introduction to the material, and each of the remaining sessions will open with a short video, followed by discussion in small groups with a final wrap-up of the entire group. These conversations also challenge the church's role, which is often positive, but sometimes avoids the topic of racism by ignoring the subject or by allowing the continued expression of especially institutional racism.

Vital Conversations also elicits ways in which each of us, as well as our churches, can identify and act on a new understanding of and a Christ-led plan to confront and defeat racism.

**6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church in Rehoboth
*January 3,10,17,24,31; February 7,24,31, and March 7***

Sign up at church or telephone for further information:

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