

Dialogue on Race Relations

*“Challenges and
Initiatives”*

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Why:

- Recent violence in several cities involving African Americans and law enforcement officers feeds distrust and tensions;
- There are various forms of race relations challenges which need to be proactively addressed in our communities;
- The underlying causes of challenges need to be addressed in parallel;
- There is growing awareness of the need to promote inclusive community dialogues and community-driven initiatives;
- There are various initiatives to promote constructive community & race relations which need to be shared and scaled up, as relevant.

What/objectives:

To bring together diverse stakeholders for a community-regional dialogue: (1) to discuss and raise awareness of the challenges which inhibit constructive race relations, and to share/learn some initiatives and lessons in addressing these challenges (at both national and especially E. Panhandle-regional levels); and (2) to share community-based initiatives (on-going and new) and possible pathways and support which can contribute to enhancing race relations amongst diverse stakeholder groups in the surrounding region.

Where:

Robert C. Byrd Center For
Congressional History & Education
213 N. King Street
Shepherdstown, WV
(next to library of Shepherd U.)
www.byrdcenter.org

When:

Monday,
October 10, 2016
7 to 9 pm

*“True peace is not
merely the absence
of tension, it is the
presence of Justice.”
~Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Who/ participants:

Diverse community leaders and citizens from public, private and non-for-profit sectors from the Tri-State Region:
Eastern Panhandle of WV;
Frederick, Md; Hagerstown, MD;
Winchester, VA

Participatory Dialogue Structure: Panel Members: Sheriff Pete Dougherty, Jefferson County, WV; (2) Naim Muhammad, student leader, Shepherd U.; (3) Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic, Prof. of Sociology., Shepherd U.; (4) Frances Morgan, former Commissioner of Jefferson County, WV; (5) Jimmy Salinas, Hispanic community leader; (6) Joseph Deck, Ex. Director of Institute of Radical Reconciliation, Wash. DC. Panel presentation to be followed by group discussions and plenary session.

Coffee, tea, and snacks will be offered.

Co-sponsored by: Shepherd University; Ezekiel's Place/Justice & Peace Academy; Rotary Club (Shepherdstown Chapter); Jefferson County School System; NAACP (of Jefferson and Berkeley Counties); Hagerstown Area Religious Council/HARC); Winchester/Va. Valley Inter-faith Council; Berkeley County School System; Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle.

Confirmation: Please confirm your participation by October 7, to Dr. Richard Anson (Co-Director of Ezekiel's Place: ranson@ezekielsplace.org)