



SCL Annual Interest Group Report 2021

Interest group: Seeking Racial Justice

Co-chairs: S. Vickie Perkins & S. Catherine Bones

Processes, events and/or projects accomplished since January 1, 2021:

- Members of the Interest Group worked on deepening our own understanding of our own racism and racism in general.
 - The interest group discussed the book *Becoming Brave* by Brendon Salter McNeil.
- We prepared and released, as an interest group, a statement denouncing the discrimination of Asian Americans and Asians living in the US.
- As an interest group we prepared and released, a statement after the verdict in the George Floyd trial indicating our belief that law enforcement must be held accountable for the use of undue force against people of color.

- As an interest group we established a purpose statement: To work for equality and equity among all people, focusing on personal and societal transformation and reconciliation on behalf of racial justice. Our scope: black, indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC).
- Acknowledging multiple resources on seeking racial justice we made the decision to focus on the book *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla F. Saad
- Goals were established:
 - Heighten knowledge and awareness among individual members of the Seeking Racial Justice Interest Group.
 - Engage the SCL Community (SCLs and SCLAs) in opportunities for transformation and reconciliation.
 - Be a voice for racial justice in efforts to support personal transformation and systemic change.
- We held monthly extended discussion of *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla F. Saad.
 - The extended discussion seemed to deepen our awareness of our white privilege and our participation in white supremacy. As an interest group we feel the discussion of our own reaction to the book will help us in reaching out to the broader community.
- Four members attended the Vincentian Family conference on racial justice in Atlanta, enhancing our efforts of seeking racial justice. This material and experience were shared with the group at the Social Justice Office.
- We have compiled a library of various articles and books that is available.

**Processes, events and/or projects in progress since
January 1, 2021:**

- Finish the discussion of Me and White Supremacy.
- Explore possibilities for engaging broader community of SCLs/SCLAs in seeking racial justice.

Up-to-date membership list:

- S. Michael Delores Allegri
- S. Cele Breen
- S. Catherine Bones
- S. Margaret Finch
- S. Mary Rachel Flynn
- S. Maureen Hall
- Ellen Hustings, SCLA
- Keith Hustings, SCLA
- S. Judith Jackson
- S. Mary Pat Lenahan
- S. Vickie Perkins
- S. Irene Skeeahan
- S. Mary Lex Smith