



## **SCL Annual Interest Group Report 2022**

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**Interest group:** Seeking Racial Justice

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

### **Processes, events and/or projects accomplished in 2022:**

- Members of the interest group continued deepening our own understanding of our racism and the effect it has on individuals and the world.
- The interest group established a “loan library” of books on racial justice which is housed in SCL Marillac Center.
- Tactics under each of the goals of the Seeking Racial Justice Interest group goals to be reviewed annually.
- During our October community gathering we provided an opportunity for any SCL who wished to discuss White Privilege. We provided a definition of white privilege. Members led a discussion in small groups on the following questions:
  - In what ways do you hold white privilege?
  - What negative experiences has your white privilege given you and protected you from throughout your life?

- What positive experiences has your white privilege granted you throughout your life (that black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) generally do not have?)
- John Shively, JPIC Office Lead Coordinator, provided a presentation on the history of racism. This is part of the series put together by several people to raise awareness of racism.
- A quote and question on racism to all Sisters and Associates through the Daily News each Thursday.
- Some members of the interest group attended the Kansas City Vincentian Family Gathering in October.
- Sister Eileen Haynes, SCL Community Director, asked the interest group to lead a committee on researching the history of the land belonging to the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, and suggesting ways we may honor the relationship with the Native Americans who owned the land and make restitution if needed.

**Process, events and/or projects still in progress:**

- The interest group will continue with or begin:
  - Discussions on *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla F. Saad and other books or articles.
  - The work on honoring right relationships regarding the history of land presently belonging to the SCL community.
  - Explore other ways we can provide opportunities to engage Sisters and Associates who are interested in the work on racism.

## **Up-to-date membership list:**

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