



You are cordially invited to join members of the faith community and community members interested in child welfare and social justice issues at the ***Race: The Power of an Illusion Learning Exchange***; a day of learning, listening & courageous conversations sponsored by the Iowa Conference United Methodist Women.

Race: The Power of an Illusion Learning Exchange

Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Time: Sign-in 8:45—9:00 Learning Exchange 9:00—3:45

Facilitators: Jolene Holden and Tommy Ross

Location: United Methodist Church—215 West Jackson Street, Corydon

There is no fee to attend this workshop.

Optional Lunch/Snacks/Beverages provided - Donations encouraged!

The curriculum meets the requirements for the award of 0.5 UMC CEUs, 6.0 SW CEUs & 5.0 foster parent credit hours.

Experienced facilitators will guide you through the learning exchange.

Tommy Ross serves at the Central Iowa Shelter and Services as a Mission Builder, working with adults experiencing homelessness to facilitate their move towards self-sufficiency. Tommy has a wealth of experience in the fields of Social Work, Ministry and Cultural Training and as a foster/adoptive parent and trainer; working directly with diverse populations serving the needs of children, youth and adults for over 24 years. These roles have afforded Tommy the unique opportunity to gain a wealth of firsthand experience and insight into the art of empowering people and creating cultural connections.

Jolene Holden works collaboratively with Iowa's Department of Human Services and other state and local partners in their efforts to promote race equity and inclusion. She is dedicated to reducing disproportionality and disparity to improve positive outcomes for children and families. Along with being a facilitator for *Race: The Power of an Illusion* learning exchanges, she is a member of the Cultural Equity Alliance Steering Committee and holds a MA in Clinical Psychology from Sam Houston State University.

Upon completion of the learning exchange, you will be able to:

- Understand how racial/ethnic disparities are manifest across a broad spectrum of child and family well-being indicators and the importance of having "courageous conversations" about race, equity, and child welfare.
- Explain how our institutions and courts used public policy and inconsistent logic to define race and give different racial and ethnic groups vastly unequal opportunities and access to life chances.
- Define the different levels of racism and understand how institutional and structural racism impact decisions, policies and practices in child welfare and the perpetuation of stereotypes about children and families of color.
- Utilize statistics from relevant data to create a clearer picture of disproportionality and disparity in Iowa.
- Identify how you can contribute to ensuring racially equitable treatment for children of color in Iowa's child welfare system.

TO REGISTER:

Please email the information below to Kathi Mitchell, Iowa Conference UMW Social Action Coordinator at kathimitchell1954@gmail.com or call/text Kathi at 563-419-6795.

- **Name and Phone Number**
- **Email address**
- **Affiliation (Agency, School, Church, Court, Provider, Volunteer, Foster Parent, etc.)**

In your email subject line please indicate that you are registering for the RPI Learning Exchange.