



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 16, 2018

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

Facilitators: Jolene Holden and Ana Clymer

Location: United Methodist Church—201 N. Locust Avenue, New Hampton

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.

Ana Clymer holds a BSW from the University of Iowa and currently works as the manager for Community Building at United Way of East Central Iowa. Ana has a wealth of experience working within the child welfare system to improve the lives of Iowa's families and children. She worked with the Partnership for Safe Families for over 15 years in a variety of roles, including Family Support Worker, community case manager, Family Team Meeting facilitator, and Family Team Meeting contract supervisor. Ana serves on the Cultural Equity Alliance Steering Committee, a statewide partnership working to reduce disproportionality in child welfare.

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.