

Sacred Ground Dialogue Series

Sponsored by

Beloved Community Initiative, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa

“What is the Sacred Ground Race Dialogue Series?”

This is a race dialogue series designed for these times. It is an attempt to be responsive to the profound challenges that currently exist in our society. It is focused on the challenges that swirl around issues of race and racism, as well as the difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue we need to have with each other about them. It invites participants to walk back through history to peel away the layers that brought us to today, and to do so in a personal way, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story. It holds the vision of beloved community as a guiding star – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God, where we weep at one another’s pain and seek one another’s flourishing.

Some of the key characteristics include:

- Powerful documentary films and readings
- Attention to various key chapters in US history
- Some of the latest thinking by scholars and practitioners of racial healing, racial equity, and whiteness
- Focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian American histories
- Emphasizes personal story-sharing and deepening relationships
- Explores shared brokenness
- Framed as a spiritual journey, grounded in Christian faith

Details:

Offering A

10 sessions on 2nd and 4th Wednesday
2024 - Sept 11, 25; Oct. 9, 23; Nov. 13, 27
2025 - Jan 8, 22; Feb. 12, 26
11:00am CT – 12:00noon CT

Contact Ellen Bruckner to register: ebruckner7@gmail.com

Offering B

10 sessions on Monday evenings
Sept. 16 – Nov. 18
6:30pm CT – 8:00pm CT
Contact Ruth Ratliff to register: Ratliff@cfu.net



Registration is necessary to ensure class size (min. of 4 and max of 15)

No charge for this dialogue series. Most of the learning materials are available for no charge. The two books to be purchased are available through used book vendors.

Check out the Sacred Ground website: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/welcome/>