



## Multicultural and Advocacy Ministries & Racial Justice Movement and Ministries

### Information and Resources

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#### Racial Justice Movement and Ministries – Invitation

<https://www.mtnskyumc.org/videodetail/invitation-to-join-racial-justice-movement-and-ministries-14420547>

#### History Team

<https://www.mtnskyumc.org/newsdetail/15816148>

#### 2022 Submission:

- Native American Committee of First UMC - Sheridan, WY
  - [Video](#)
  - [Transcript of Video](#)

#### 2022 Important Contributions/Wisdom and Teachings:

- Anil Dewan - [Report on Trip to Sand Creek](#)
- Rev. Gail Hoyt
  - The Blackfeet history of Helena and the surrounding area precedes the most horrendous attack on the Blackfeet people. Baker massacre was the most controversial attack upon the Blackfeet in 1870 as the massacre attacked a smallpox recovering tipi camp of Chief Whitegrass. Whitegrass was given a peace treaty with the government as they were a nonviolent group. Smallpox had already ravaged the small tipi camp which was found to be from infested blankets given to the tribe. The mid-winter attack happened while the young warriors of the camp were getting food at the time of the attack and only the very old, the sick, the children and women were left in the camp. Approximately 200 were killed. The Baker troop were looking for a much younger group of men, of the Mountain Chief camp. The scout's repeatedly warned, the hung-over, Baker and his men, that it was not the right camp. The scouts themselves were threatened with their lives and put under arrest if they continued.  
The Blackfeet territory at that time went as far south as the Yellowstone River, north to the Sweetgrass hills and Chief Mountain, east to the Dakota states and east to the (backbone of the world) Rocky Mountains. Each year the Blackfeet have a memorial on January 23rd in the remembrance of that senseless loss of lives.

#### Book Group

<https://www.mtnskyumc.org/newsdetail/retablos-stories-from-a-life-lived-along-the-border-by-octavio-solis-the-racial-justice-movement-and-ministries-task-force-hosts-the-mscs-2022-book-group-16476171>

Books we have read together:

- *Waking Up White* – Debbie Irving
- *I'm Black, I'm Christian, I'm Methodist* – Rudy Rasmus and others
- *Good White Racist* – Kerry Connelly
- *So You What to Talk About Race?* - Ijeoma Oluo
- *They Called Us Enemy* – George Takei
- *Braiding Sweetgrass* - Robin Wall Kimmerer
- *Retablos* - Octavio Solis (Presently reading)

### Engagement with the Conference

- **BIPOC/Historically Marginalized Clergy Monthly Meeting with the Cabinet**

If you identify as BIPOC/Historically Marginalized Clergy and would like to participate in these conversations and the work of evaluating and changing our systems to reflect Beloved Community, please contact Rev. Bich Thy (Betty) Nguyen at [bnguyen@mtnskyumc.org](mailto:bnguyen@mtnskyumc.org).

### Resource Team

- Mountain Sky Conference – <https://www.mtnskyumc.org/newsdetail/msc-releases-anti-racism-resources-for-personal-and-local-church-engagement-14024604>

- General Commission on Religion and Race - <https://www.r2hub.org/>

- *House of Prayer for All People* – Spiritual and Physical Inventory for the local church

This resource included Devotions and questions that will guide a congregation to evaluate their space, worship, liturgy, finances, education/curriculum, etc. This resource is intended to help congregations discern ways to dismantle racism, and consider diversity, inclusion, and belonging.

Launch – Anticipated for FALL 2022

If you and your congregation is interested in helping pilot the resource by going through it and offering feedback, please contact Rev. Betty Nguyen. A humble grant will be awarded to your congregation, to further your anti-racism work.

### Immigration Task Force

<https://www.mtnskyumc.org/newsdetail/15858667>

### Special Giving:

- Tonga Relief - <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5QF/campaign/C-12JRF>
- Native American Ministries – Checks to MSCUMC with Memo: Native American Ministries
- Racial Justice Movement and Ministries – Checks to MSCUMC with Memo: RJMM
- General Efforts to support Ethnic Ministries and Anti-Racism work – Checks to MSCUMC with Memo: Community Engagement Ethnic Min. and Anti-Racism

If you have any questions or would like to participate in any of the above work, please contact Rev. Bich Thy (Betty) Nguyen at [bnguyen@mtnskyumc.org](mailto:bnguyen@mtnskyumc.org).