



Sacred Conversations on Race + ACTION

Congregations from all over Monroe County are participating in Sacred Conversations on Race. Trained RocACTS facilitators lead participants through focused exercises to facilitate brave, authentic conversations.

The conversations are based on the workshops done with congregations out-side of Ferguson



as that community convulsed after Michael Brown was killed by a police officer. In Ferguson and St. Louis the conversations helped congregants tell their stories, understand the daily reality of their neighbors.

The Rochester Zen Center and 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East are coming together for a single workshop held in two 4-hour Saturday sessions.

Attendance at both sessions is required. The workshop output is a plan of action to address racism. Often a more informed congregation is seen as the key outcome. However, our objective is to achieve the dismantling of institutional/systemic racism. This requires intentional, focused action beyond conversation. Hence, the last segment of the second session will be facilitating the groups' development of an action plan based on their interest in local areas of concern such as, housing, education, criminal justice, poverty/jobs. These conversations will lead to action by better-informed and more self-aware people.

Session 1: **Saturday October 13th, 9am – 1pm**
 1199SEIU Union Hall
 259 Monroe Ave., Suite 220 Rochester, NY 14607

Session: 2: **Saturday October 20th, 9am – 1pm**
 Rochester Zen Center
 7 Arnold Park, Rochester, NY 14607

Informational meeting: Monday September 24, 6-7pm at Central (Rundel) Branch of the Rochester Public Library, 115 South Avenue. In the older building. Literature Dept. 1st Flr.

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