

Friends and Followers of the MORE Team,

Thanks again for joining the Mount Olivet Racial Equity (MORE) Team as we continue our work towards racial equity and justice. You may be wondering where I find ideas for this newsletter, so I'm going to tell you! I might read something in the [local community paper](#), Star Tribune, or Facebook, or hear about an event on the radio, and make a note to dig deeper. I also subscribe to several sites and organizations, including [CNN's Race Deconstructed](#) newsletter. Check out a few other suggestions below, and pick one or more to do your own digging!

1. The [Anti-Racism Daily](#) provides a quick resource for the latest news, historical insights, and tangible ways to make a difference. For example, today's email was about "broadening your bookshelf", with thoughtful questions like: *How many books [have you read in the past year that] are by people of color? By Black writers? Are all those books only focused on trauma or pain? Are all the books you read for fun or pleasure all by white writers?* **and suggestions for action:** *Divest from Amazon and buy from Black-owned bookstores. Ensure that your anti-racism reading translates off the page. After you read a book, ask yourself: what actions or steps are you taking in response?*

2. [The Anti-Racism Collective](#) "*fosters the unlearning of racism and racial harm within all facets of our community in order to create a more equitable place to live, work, and raise our children.*" Based in Edina, MN, the group offers classes and events that are open to anyone and benefit everyone.

3. [Penumbra Theater](#) "*creates professional productions that are artistically excellent, thought provoking, relevant, and illuminate the human condition through the prism of the African American experience.*" Check out the workshops and training opportunities offered through The Center for Racial Healing, and the latest critically acclaimed production, [Wine in the Wilderness](#), which the Star Tribune calls a "must-see show."

4. Many local churches have a focus on racial justice, providing activities and resources, including [St. Joan of Arc](#) in Mpls, [Edina Community Lutheran Church](#), and Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth. In fact, you are invited to attend a new series sponsored by the MORE Team, titled "Black and White Truths about Racism", in March and April. Find details [here](#).

** Also, mark your calendar for April 27, when we'll host a special showing of a stunning new documentary, produced and directed by Edina-based Louise Woerhle of Whirlygig Productions. Watch the trailer for "A Binding Truth" [here](#).

As always, if you have suggestions or ideas to add, please let me know!

One more item. Here's a unique opportunity to impact our local community: Plymouth DEI group is forming (reinstating) the Plymouth Human Rights Council. If you are interested in learning more, or helping to form or serve on the new council, please contact me and I'll connect you with the group.

"A democracy cannot thrive where power remains unchecked and justice is reserved for a select few. Ignoring these cries and failing to respond to this movement is simply not an option — for peace cannot exist where justice is not served." — John Lewis [said](#) of the [George Floyd Justice in Policing Act](#)

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On behalf of the MORE Team

Use this [link](#) to learn about the MORE Team and read last month's newsletter, then explore the [Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth](#) website.