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A ministry of
the Southeast
Michigan Synod
of the ELCA



“You shall
become repairers
of the breach.”
Isaiah 58:12

Rev. Julianne Smeck, Co-Chair

Rev. Michael Johnson, Co-Chair

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BR²ICK's Vision is to...

Bridge The Gap.

To **Build Racial Inter-Dependence**
through **Grace and Encouragement**
To **Heal and Empower God's**
Anti-racist People.

The Southeast Michigan Synod's
Anti-Racism Team was formed in
1993.

In 2006, this group was
renamed **BR²ICK** to better reflect its
new mission and vision.



BR²ICK regularly hosts workshops
that address **racial injustices** in the
church.

These workshops are provided at the
request of Southeast Michigan Synod,
North/West Lower Michigan Synod
and congregations.

“From one ancestor, God made all nations
to inhabit the earth...
Acts 17:26a

We believe...

...racism is a sin that harms ALL
of God's people, causing separation in
the family of God.



...racism permeates our society
— including our churches — and
presents itself overtly, covertly and
unconsciously, which makes the task of
dismantling racism a huge challenge.



...by the grace of God, people
may experience a *re-creation* of their
hearts and minds to relate to one
another in new ways.



BR²ICK hopes to demonstrate
the difference between personal
racisms and institutional racisms that
are witnessed through —
Racial Oppression
Privilege, and
Power

BR²ICK provides the venue to begin a
safe dialogue about racism. Each
member of **BR²ICK** is at a unique point
within his or her journey to become
anti-racist. We strive to be open to
other's positions — *wherever they are*
— in their particular journey. And we
hope that all who join the conversation
with us will strive for the same.

“But let justice roll down like
waters, and righteousness
like an ever-flowing stream.”
Amos 5:24

Four **ACTION GROUPS** provides
ongoing support to **BR²ICK** the support
it needs in a variety of ways.

RECRUITMENT & COMMUNICATION

~ addresses needs of potential new
members and addresses the public
images of BR²ICK.

EDUCATION

~ addresses the flow of the
presentations created to share the
message and intent of BR²ICK.

WORSHIP

~ addresses the need for public
worship opportunities as well as the
spiritual outlook of BR²ICK.

RAPID RESPONSE

~ addresses the need for immediate
responses to unjust issues and
situations.