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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 18, 2017

RE: Crossroads Anti-Racism Training | September 21-23, 2017

As you may know, “Resolution 2017—1, Urging Congregational Engagement in Anti-Racism Training” passed unanimously at our 2017 Synod Assembly. This resolution listed a number of actions members and congregations of our synod could institute to ensure anti-racism training and workshop opportunities for church leaders, lay and roster.

(http://www.semisynod.com/images/docs/SEMISynod/Resolution-2017_1-Updated.pdf)

Our synod resolution follows actions of the 2016 Churchwide Assembly, which adopted a Memorial encouraging “all rostered leaders to receive anti-racism training bi-annually and that every Synod develop or maintain resources for anti-racism training for rostered leaders and congregations”.

This is such a time! Bishop Don Kreiss and the BRRICK (Building Racial Reconciliation In Christ’s Kingdom) Team have scheduled a 2½ day workshop, led by Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training

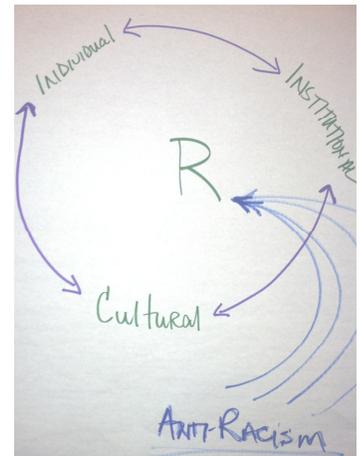
(<http://crossroadsantiracism.org/>).

We will gather Thursday evening, September 21 – Saturday afternoon, September 23; those who register are **expected** to be present and participate in the full event. Because space is limited, registration forms are required, along with \$125 per/person payment that will offset our cost for the training. (Meals and materials are included).

You may say, “I’ve had this training before. Why should I do it again?” Although elements of this workshop are repetitive, overall the experience will be new, because you are not the person you were last time. And, our trainers have assured us to anticipate something different from four years ago, when we last hosted this event.

The planning team hopes you choose this workshop as an opportunity for both your personal and professional development.

SPACE IS LIMITED. Please register by September 11, 2017. If you have questions about payment, or the schedule, please contact Robin McCants, Assistant to the Bishop for Advocacy & Urban Ministry at r.mccants@semisynod.com or 313.821.1055.



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