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Dialogue / Education / Networking / Prayer / Action

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A Message from the President

Thank you for reading the first-ever edition of YEAR IN REVIEW: the Annual Impact Report for the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative. Formerly structured as an informal steering committee called the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative (CBC) is a new (since 2018) and independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. While the organizational structure is more formalized, the mission remains the same.

This Annual Impact Report aims to provide a comprehensive review of programs, and how each program goal is tied to mission. In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, "pivot" is the word all of us, including new nonprofits, have had to learn. During FY20-21 the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative re-created delivery of existing programs. We are excited to share we added new programs too!

There is more work to do. As stated well by CBC board member, Rev. Carolyn Cavaness, Pastor, Bethel AME Church of Ardmore, in an article published about our work in the September 2020 online issue of *Main Line Today*":

"It's not enough even to gather people once a year. We need to help people to go into these conversations more frequently in an effort to create a different behavior and an institutional realignment. In light of the crisis, at so many levels it feels like something is different about the conversations now. It's courageous to converse."

We need your financial support to continue to offer existing programs and in order to grow. Be sure to read the "Looking Forward" section of this Report, about how we can work to become "beloved community" together. Thank you. Anne Minicozzi

Mission



The mission of the CommUNITY
Breakfast Collaborative of the Main Line
(townships of Radnor, Lower Merion,
Haverford, Tredyffrin-Easttown, Great
Valley and Upper Merion) is to
collaborate and support each other to
be the "Beloved Community" through
civic engagement: dialogue, education,
networking, prayer and action.

History



The CommUNITY Breakfast was dreamed up June 1, 2010, at the end of a reception at Radnor United Methodist Church, Bryn Mawr, hosted by Mrs. Janita Mahoney. The reception was held immediately following the rededication of Radnor's 5th ward park as Bishop Richard Allen Park, located on Brook Street. Mrs. Peggy Gaskins of Bethel AME Church, Bryn Mawr, Pastor Joe Di Paolo of Wayne United Methodist Church, Wayne and Anne Minicozzi of Villanova University along with Mahoney all agreed we missed seeing each other at the Radnor Township "Unity Breakfast" held each September from 2001 through 2008 at Villanova University. We agreed to try holding a "pay for your own breakfast" event once and to see what the response would be.

The rest is history. We held the first "Undoing Racism Day" the following September 21, 2011 and held the 10th event in 2021. The CommUNITY Breakfast creates a space where we can gather to celebrate unity while "embracing the difference." (pictured from left to right are Rev. Carlos Bounds, Bishop Richard F. Norris, Pastor Mark Kelly Tyler and Mrs. Peggy Gaskins, Bethel AME Church.)





9/16/20 "Undoing Racism Day"



- Panelists shared from their stories, with a particular emphasis on the reflections of youth this year.
- Discussions in the breakout rooms helped attendees learn more about racial wealth gap inequities.
- The uneven and inequitable experiences of Americans during the pandemic demonstrate there is more work to do to affect systemic change.

"Undoing Racism Day" 9/16 and beyond



- For the first time, in 2020 the virtual event was recorded and produced into an educational video.
- Two weeks post-event it was shared in an email titled: "Educate self and others by sharing the 2020 'Undoing Racism Day' recorded program now available!"
- Accompanied by instructions, recipients were encouraged to view and share the program and tell us about the experience.
- "Undoing Racism Day" programs are available at the website:

http://communitybreakfast.weebly.com/

"Have Your Say" public affairs program Main Line TV Network



- A **goal** of the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative is to encourage members of the Main Line community whose voices are not often heard, to have a voice, to gain a seat at the table.
- "Have Your Say" provides an opportunity for the co-hosts and guests to express their views on various topics particularly related to civic engagement. It will also educate viewers with credible information that it is hoped will encourage dialogue, networking, prayer and action. You have a voice which should be heard when you are able to have your say!
- Diana Robertson and Anne Minicozzi recorded 13 programs in the last year, educating viewers on topics such as cash bail and community gardening, and about organizations such as Main Line Mentoring and The Fulbright U.S. Student Program. To date, **44 programs** are recorded and available for viewing at the website of Main Line TV Network: https://www.mltv21.org/have-your-say

Curated Upcoming Events

- A goal of the CommUNITY
 Breakfast Collaborative is to
 encourage the Main Line
 community to network, to
 connect and learn more from
 organizations like ours who
 share a mission which intersects
 with racial justice and antiracism.
- At least twice-monthly emails were sent to those signed up with the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative.
- These are sent from the email account of the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative:

thecommunitybreakfast@gmail.com

INTERFAITH PRAYER FOR RACIALJUSTICE

WEDNESDAYS

5:30-6:00 PM

VIA ZOOM

LED BY REV. CAROLYN CAVANESS, BETHEL AME CHURCH OF ARDMORE AND MOLLY HICKS, OLD HAVERFORD FRIENDS MEETING

Curated Upcoming Events

Since 2020 "Undoing Racism Day,"
 educational and event information
 from a total of 49 organizations was
 shared with members of our listserv,
 a community which exceeds 700
 recipients. Many faith communities
 and civic organizations hosting
 several events had event
 information shared several times!

Curated Upcoming Events (1 of 2)

- African American Museum, Philadelphia
- American Jewish Committee (AJC)
- Archdiocese of Philadelphia: Office for Black Catholics
- Archdiocese of Philadelphia: Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees (PCMR)
- Ardmore United Methodist Church
- Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova
- Baha'i Faith community, Main Line
- Baha'i Faith Community, Lower Merion
- Baha'i Faith Community, Radnor Township
- Bala Cynwyd Public Library
- Beth Am Israel
- Bethel AME Church, Ardmore

- Bishop Richard Allen Park, Radnor Township (2/14 wreath laying)
- Black Doctors Covid 19 Consortium
- Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
- Chester Children's Chorus
- Federal Reserve System, all 12 banks: "Racism and the Economy" series
- Futurechurch.org
- Gladwyne Presbyterian Church
- Harvard University Kennedy School Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation
- Haverford Township Free Library
- Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence
- History Making Productions

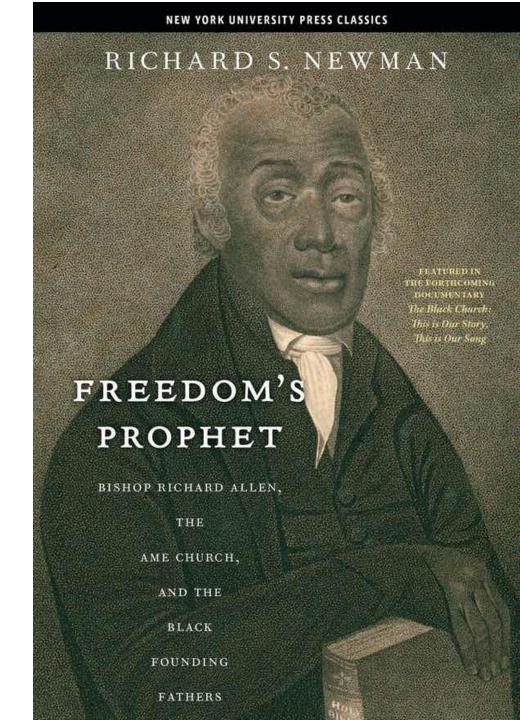
Curated Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

- Intelligence Squared
- Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line (IHN-ML)
- Interfaith Prayer for Racial Justice, Bethel AME Church, Ardmore
- Interfaith Prayer for Racial Justice, Old Haverford Friends Meeting
- League of Women Voters of PA
- Lower Merion Township Human Relations Commission
- Main Line Baha'i Community
- Main Line Martin Luther King Association
- Main Line Mentoring
- Main Line Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light
- Main Line Reform Temple
- Mother Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia
- NAACP, Main Line Branch
- New Encounters: Catholics Confronting Racism
- Pennsylvania State Rep. Greg Vitali (D-166)

- People's Light Theatre
- POWER, Main Line
- Radnor League of Women Voters
- Radnor Memorial Library
- Radnor Township "green team"
- Radnor Township Police Department Asian Americans and Pacific Islander conversation
- Radnor Township School District (RTSD) Free meals, 18 and younger
- St. Thomas of Villanova parish "Stations of the Cross: Overcoming the Evil of Racism," Lent 2021 (recording)
- University of Pennsylvania African American Resource Center
- Villanova University: Center for Global & Public Health
- Willows Park Preserve (George Lonsdorf)

New! The Scholar-In-Residence (SIR) program

- A **goal** of the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative is to educate the Main Line community on topics which intersect with racial justice and anti-racism. The history of the Main Line is incomplete without uncovering the narratives of men and women who were enslaved, and the owners who enslaved them.
- Building on the research about freed slave and itinerant preacher Richard Allen, who preached in Radnor in the winter of 1784, which was shared at the November 7, 2009 lecture given by Dr. Newman—a centerpiece of the Radnor Memorial Library bicentennial celebration of the first library in Radnor, 1809-2009—and the subsequent rededication of the 5th ward park as Bishop Richard Allen Park June 1, 2010, located on Brook Street, by Radnor Township, the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative has initiated this program to support the local studies of a local scholar.



New! The Scholar-In-Residence (SIR) program

- The Scholar-In-Residence is a full-time matriculated college student attending a university locally whose field of study includes a local focus
- The scholarship produced would enrich the knowledge and understanding of the diverse history and culture of the Main Line.
- While the student is enrolled in studies, the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative would provide a \$250 per year stipend, a maximum \$500 award, to be used as wished, with no reporting required (e.g., for books, research, travel, etc.).

Inaugural Scholar-In-Residence: Colin McCrossan of Haverford Township

- The CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative is pleased to announce that the Inaugural Scholar-In-Residence is Mr. Colin McCrossan of Haverford Township.
- Colin recently presented virtually via
 Haverford Township Free Library "Hidden In
 Plain Sight: The History of Slavery in
 Haverford Township," enriching the
 understanding of the Main Line community
 on this important topic.
- Mr. McCrossan will pursue graduate studies at Villanova University in its Department of History.



 At the completion of studies, the Scholarin-Residence would offer a public (or virtual) lecture sponsored by the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative, in April of the year of graduation, sharing from the final project of their studies with the Main Line community.

Testimonials about the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative and 2020 "Undoing Racism Day"

- "I thought the panelists were skilled at succinctness and I am so glad the younger generation was well represented – and all, articulate. I will not forget 'the bug in the room' metaphor. Please thank Dr. Crystal Lucky for me – for her panel leadership. She was excellent and so affirming of what the others said." --Jane Beatty, Ithan
- "What an amazing event this morning! I thought the panel was the best ever, and the Zoom context actually brought the panelists 'up close and personal' in a really powerful way. Thank you so much for the wonderful work you do and have been doing for years, long before the current spotlight on anti-racism." --Rev. Julia Sheetz, PhD, ThM, MDiv; Campus Minister for Ecumenical and Interfaith Outreach, Villanova University

Looking Forward: Strategic Development

- Strategic Development: During FY20-21, the board of directors supported the initiative of the president, who has completed the Bryn Mawr College Nonprofit Executive Leadership Institute (NELI) Ascending Leadership Certificate program, which was held from October 2020 through April 2021, via Zoom.
- During FY21-22 the president and board of the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative will launch a strategic planning effort and honing of mission together with you "stakeholders": the Main Line community we serve. We look forward to a brighter and healthier future so that we can engage even more effectively in the work we know we need to do, to make our community a "beloved community."
- We are making plans to hire a part-time Executive Director in the next 1-2 years, growing our commitment to mission with increased resources.

Looking Forward: Collaborations Welcome

- The CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative has worked together with organizations who have approached us, seeking advice, or assistance reaching those in the Main Line community who want to be educated and active regarding issues and realities intersecting with racial justice and anti-racism. We welcome these collaborations!
- Please contact us and we will aim to be of assistance. At this time, we are a nonprofit staffed by all volunteers, so we will do our best with the resources we have.

Financials

- Income: Given the generosity of event sponsors and donors who gave both in-kind and direct financial support, as well as the generosity of supporters of the first annual appeal, income for FY20-21 made offering our programs manageable.
- Expenses: Given that the 2020 "Undoing Racism Day" event was virtual, and nonprofit expenses were minimal, expenses for FY20-21 were extremely low. As we look to gathering together in the future, we anticipate increased program expenses.
- As of June 30, 2021, there is \$3,580.92 in the bank account.

Leadership

CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative: the Board of Directors















Anne Minicozzi, Sean Chambers, Diana Robertson, Chuck Marshall, Rev. Carolyn Cavaness, Dr. Gity Etemad and Susan Underwood

Student intern

2020 CommUNITY Breakfast: Prelude slideshow



Many thanks to Rai Ganesan, Radnor High School Class of 2021; 2019 and 2020 CBC student intern for creating the introductory slideshow!

Thanks to the sponsors of 2020 "Undoing Racism Day!"





















Thanks to the Supporters of the first (2020) annual appeal

SAVE THE DATE for the 2021 CommUNITY
Breakfast: September 22

CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative

- We are grateful to the leadership of Radnor United Methodist Church, who has provided office space for us at a greatly discounted rate. Thank you!
- Offices located at: Radnor United Methodist Church, 930 Conestoga Road, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
- Website: http://communitybreakfast.weebly.com/
- Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/thecommunitybre</u> akfast
- Email: thecommunitybreakfast@gmail.com

