**A Ripple of Hope:**

**Race Relations and Advancing Antiracism in Our Community**

Yale Child Study Center - Virtual Townhall Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 1-2 PM

Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/2037857436

*The opposite of racist isn't 'not racist.' It is 'antiracist.' What's the difference? One endorses either the idea of a racial hierarchy as a racist, or racial equality as an antiracist. One either believes problems are rooted in groups of people, as a racist, or locates the roots of problems in power and policies, as an antiracist. One either allows racial inequities to persevere, as a racist, or confronts racial inequities, as an antiracist. There is no in-between safe space of ‘not racist.’ The claim of ‘not racist” neutrality is a mask for racism.*

*The good news is that racist and antiracist are not fixed identities. We can be a racist one minute and an antiracist the next. What we say about race, what we do about race, in each moment, determines what* ―*not who*― *we are.*

*Like fighting an addiction, being an antiracist requires persistent self-awareness, constant self-criticism, and regular self-examination.*

― **Ibram X. Kendi  
*How to Be an Antiracist* (2019)**

*Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.*

**―  Robert F. Kennedy  
Day of Affirmation Address, University of Capetown**

**South Africa, June 6, 1966**

Introduction and Context

Belinda Oliver and Andrés Martin, MD, MPH

Invocation

Elder Walter Jones, Church of God in Christ (Chicago)

Perspectives

Laine Taylor, DO (Junior Faculty)

Mark Lazarus (Administrative Staff)

Tasha Brooks-Boone (Administrative Staff)

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*This Center-wide conversation will continue at a Virtual Townhall Meeting on June 16*