

Racism in America:

The History We Didn't Learn in School

This six-week course will raise the knowledge and awareness of untold history in America. The course begins with enslaved Africans in the country that is now known as America in 1619 and goes through to voting rights and suppression in 2022. Week six of the course challenges participants to explore actions to change systemic racial injustice and ensure a more equitable, diverse, inclusive, and just society. The course will include a lecture, question and answer, and small group discussion. Small groups will be given time to briefly report out before the class ends.

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*Racial Justice &
Reconciliation Commission*

in the Episcopal Church in Delaware

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YWCA Delaware

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The course will be offered:

- via Zoom
- Monday evenings
- 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, and March 13, 2023
- Participants must register for the course

To register

and to view a list of resources
provided by the instructor, go to:

www.delaware.church/racial-justice

RACIAL JUSTICE & RECONCILIATION COMMISSION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN DELAWARE

Mission

The mission of the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission is to be the catalyst that ensures the Episcopal Church in Delaware achieves diversity, equity, and inclusion by advancing racial justice, healing, and reconciliation.

Vision

The Episcopal Church in Delaware will be known for its commitment to racial justice as an essential component of becoming Beloved Community.

Curriculum

- **Week 1** *The Early Years* cover 1619 through Reconstruction.
- **Week 2** *Slavery by Another Name* begins with key codes and laws of intentional segregation throughout the Jim Crow era and ends with the Great Migration.
- **Week 3** *Public Policy and the Civil Rights Movement* delves into the various and intentional forms of de jure (legally sanctioned) racial segregation and ends with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- **Week 4** *Mass Incarceration and the War on Drugs* addresses the racially targeted laws and financial incentives orchestrated by the U.S. government to incarcerate African Americans over the last several decades.
- **Week 5** *Voter Suppression, Then and Now* explores the history of voting rights, voter suppression, and voter disenfranchisement of African Americans over the centuries.
- **Week 6** *Where Do We Go from Here?* explores actions that course participants are prepared to take to create a more diverse, equitable, inclusive, and just society.

Course Objectives: By participating in the course, individuals will be able to:


1. Obtain a deeper understanding of U. S. history and its impact on our society today.
2. Achieve an appreciation for the ways that our country's history of segregation and other governmental actions produced today's racial stereotypes.
3. Gain a new awareness of the historical causes of racial inequities and a personal desire to take action to address the consequences.

About the Instructor:



Sue Linderman grew up in Wilmington, Delaware, where she graduated from Mount Pleasant public high school. She attended Mount Holyoke College, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1967. With her then-husband, a U.S. Marine who served during the Vietnam War, she lived in Twentynine Palms and Los Angeles, California, before returning to the East Coast. Her 27-year career with the DuPont Company in Wilmington culminated with the spinoff of its Medical X-Ray business via a leveraged buyout that created Sterling Diagnostic Imaging, of which she was its first President. She is especially proud of the long-term R&D investment by her business that developed a selenium array for image capture that is now at the heart of nearly every mammography machine in use in the United States. Sue has served on the board of directors of the National Association of Photographic Manufacturers, Junior Achievement of Delaware, and the Center for the Creative Arts in Hockessin, among others, and as an elder and a trustee of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Course Developer and Instructor: Ms.

Sue Linderman. Throughout her career, Sue has been active in various diversity action groups, seeking to pursue equitable treatment of all people so that each individual's contributions and achievements might be optimized. But it was the series of police shootings of unarmed black men in recent years that galvanized her to develop a better understanding of how our country got to this point. This six-class series is the result of significant research, through which she came to understand how much of our history has never been taught in American history classes in schools. Sue is a co-founder of the Westminster Peace & Justice Work Group in Wilmington that was formed in Spring 2018 with the twin goals of combating violence in Wilmington and promoting racial justice. The work group is affiliated with several community organizations — the Delaware Center for Justice, the Campaign to End Debtors' Prison, Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice, Peace Week Delaware, and the Delaware Coalition for Smart Justice, among others. Sue and her husband Bob, both previously widowed, have been married for 30 years, with 8 children and 15 grandchildren between them.



*Becoming beloved community is
The Episcopal Church's long-
term commitment to racial healing,
reconciliation, and justice.*