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NE CORR offers 5-week course

Anti-racism

The New England Conference Commission on Religion and Race (CORR) is offering a five-week course titled *New England United Methodists Dismantling Racism*.

This workshop is designed to help people who understand that racism is a deeply embedded problem in our society to:

- better understand how racism works
- understand their own role

in systemic racism, including the opportunity they have to create change

- learn to speak up when they see racism
- develop personal action plans based on their gifts, abilities and resources.

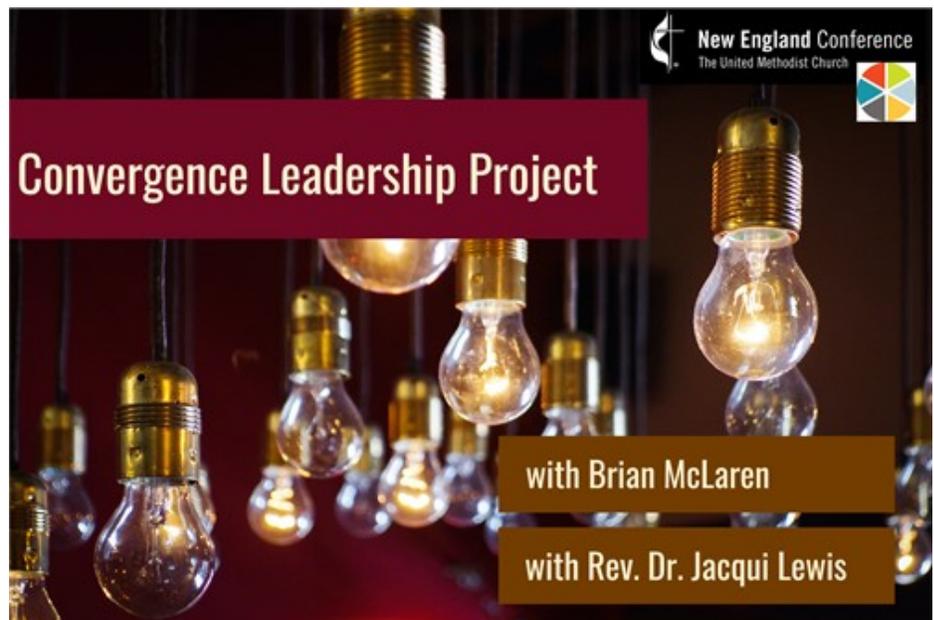
If you'd like to learn more about the curriculum this workshop is based on White People Challenging Racism

www.wpcr-boston.org

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Let's Connect

Do you have a story to share? A feature idea? A question to ask? Contact Beth DiCocco, Conference Director of Communications, at communicate@neumc.org.



Take online classes with Brian McLaren

In fall 2021, we joined together with author and activist, Brian McLaren, to study his latest book, "Faith After Doubt." What a great experience! (Find more about this book study at

www.neumc.org/bishopsbooks

After hearing so many requests for more time with Brian, we reached out to him and his colleagues at Convergence (convergenceleadership.org) to explore next steps.

Now we are excited to announce that New England clergy and laity are invited to register for four online courses in 2022 taught by Brian and the Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, senior pastor of Middle Collegiate Church in New York City.

The courses are self-paced via video. They are available for you to view at any time once your register

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Convergence Leadership Project

Join free online courses & live sessions with Brian McLaren

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on the following topics:

- Church Impact
- Your Message Matters
- Curating Change
- Your Congregation as a School of Love

For each topic, there will be a live online event with Brian where he will dive deeper into the ideas explored in the course and take questions. The live events (times TBA):

- Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022
- Tuesday, April 5, 2022
- Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022
- Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022



Instructors Brian McLaren and Jacqui Lewis

Supported by the Conference, these courses are free to participants. You can register for the courses on our website www.neumc.org. Once you are enrolled in the class, you will be given information about how to access live sessions.



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The 10-hour course takes place over five weekly sessions on Thursdays March 3 to 31, 2022. Time TBA.

Co-facilitators Jane Allen and Stewart Lanier are not racial equity “experts,” but folks who have been on the journey of racial awareness and action in their own personal lives for some time, have offered this workshop

many times, and have the gifts to help others focus on becoming anti-racist in heart and action.

Space is limited. There is an application process; persons accepted into the class will need the approval of the course facilitators.

Application deadline is Feb. 3, 2022. Learn more and register on our website www.neumc.org

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Jan. 16, 2022

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