



RACE DAY UNITY JUNE 11th 2023

**Learn, Speak Out, Act:
The Urgency of Becoming an Anti-Racist**

6910 E Shea Blvd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Sunday, June 11th 3pm to 6pm



10th Anniversary

-Program Booklet-

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Co-Initiative: Public Discourse & Social Action Taskforce of the Bahá'ís of Scottsdale, NAACP–Maricopa County Branch, Arizona Faith Network, Arizona Interfaith Movement, United Nations Association–USA Phoenix Chapter

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Race Unity Day

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@ Bahá'í Faith Community Center

Race Unity Day is observed worldwide by Bahá'ís and others with meetings and discussions. The day was established in 1957 by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States, with the purpose of focusing attention on racial prejudice. There is a long history of Bahá'ís working towards racial harmony. In 1912, `Abdu'l-Bahá, the leader of the Faith, successor to the Faith's Founder Bahá'u'lláh, presented at the Fourth Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) during His visit to America. He encouraged the development of conferences for Racial Unity and Race Amity. In May 1921, the Bahá'í 'Race Amity' movement was launched in the nation's capital, Washington DC, as 'a practical effort to influence public discourse on race in the United States'. This movement was distinct in that it focused primarily on eradicating the root causes of racial injustice. Bahá'ís see racism as a major barrier to peace, and teach that there must be universal recognition of the oneness of all humans to achieve peace. While many rightly emphasize a myriad of racial inequalities, we must never forget that each experience represents a person—an individual with intrinsic value to humankind.

Motivated by these convictions, the Bahá'í Communities of the North East Valley, including Scottsdale, Fountain Hills and Paradise Valley are observing Race Unity Day.

- [Welcome by MC: Dr. Angelita Reyes
- ★ Prayers for Oneness: Arizona Interfaith Movement
 - Opening Bahá'í Prayer
 - Rev. Rock Fremont (UCC)
 - Roman Orona - Native Flute
- 📌 Year in review by Karen Hardin, NAACP—Maricopa County Branch
- ★ Calvin Terrell: Interactive session "RESPECT"
- 🔗 Race Amity Panel Theme: "Learn, Speak Out, Act: The Urgency of Becoming an Anti-Racist" To learn skills: how to be an ally or anti-racist?
 - ▶ Nancy Peace (Mothers Against Prison Systems)
 - ▶ Calvin Terrell (SocialCentric Institute)
 - ▶ Ryan Winkle (Arizona Asian Chambers, Arizona Fair Housing)
 - ▶ Dr. Albert Celozza (AZIFM)
 - ▶ Roman Orona (#iamHUMANSM, Apache, Pueblo, Yaqui)
- ☀ Music by Colby Jeffers
- [Discourse Breakout Activity: Arizona Faith Network & Bahá'ís "Toolbox for a Warrior of Peace"
- ☀ Odissi Classical Dance by Sanvi Chaudhari
- 📷 Voluntary conference photo
- 🍷 Multicultural Food, Refreshments & Fellowship

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

The Bahá'ís of Scottsdale and our Race Unity Day partners wish to acknowledge the Native Nations that have inhabited Arizona lands for centuries. We recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and the land. The land on which we typically gather is the territory of the O'odham Jeweḍ, Hohokam, Akimel O'odham (Upper Pima), and Piipaash (Maricopa) people. We honor the people of these nations on whose ancestral homelands and resources our homes and buildings were built. We thank them for their strength and resilience in protecting this land, and humbly aspire to uphold our responsibilities according to their example. By offering this Acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and our solidarity with American Indian and Indigenous peoples.





Roman Orona

Roman Orona (Apache, Pueblo and Yaqui), is a member of the Baha'i Faith and a Native American performer (dancer, singer, flutist), producer, director and owner of iamHUMAN Media. iamHUMAN Media is a national non-profit that develops programs to address social discourse, create community and unite humanity through the arts. In 2016, Roman was awarded the Best Male Vocalist Award at the Native American Music Awards for his album "Circling Spirits." Roman works to illustrate all individuals are related through the common thread of humanity. In being human, Roman says, "We all have a responsibility to each other, for each other, for the betterment of all humankind."

Calvin Terrell

Calvin Terrell transforms pain into power and haunts into healing. Surviving violences, losing loved ones to addictions, murder, white supremacy, and misogyny, as well as owning his own prejudices and role in oppression, compels Calvin's service. Calvin is founder / director of Social Centric Institute, his non-profit and owner of Calvin Terrell & Associates, LLC. Calvin designed and built these organizations to educate anyone and everyone to be healers of historical trauma around racial intersections, class, religion, gender, and environmental disruption. For more than 25 years, Calvin has engaged every demographic throughout the US in historical trauma healing processes. His approaches draw from many technologies that are colonial, decolonized, and indigenous. For his dedication to human rights, Calvin's been awarded with honors from faith, educational, civic, and activist organizations, as well as government institutions, including the city of Phoenix year 2000 Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. "Living the Dream" Award. The demand of his services prompted organizations such as Harpo Inc., Oprah Winfrey's production company to contract Calvin to train executive producers, coach various members of the production team, and assist in their transition to the "O" network. He was also honored to be a contributing consultant in designing the Muhammed Ali Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Most recently, the Obama Foundation sought Calvin's collaboration with regards to community empowerment. Calvin challenges the privileged to abandon fragile pedestals of inconsiderate obliviousness, while he encourages the oppressed to remember their power developed from surviving historical unfairness. He invites all to abandon identity superstitions and materialistic traditions so humanity can meet and collaborate on a healing field of justice waiting for cultivation. His greatest achievements are marriage, fatherhood, and a relationship with the Infinite Power that fashioned the stars. Calvin is not a democrat, nor a republican, a libertarian or anarchist; he is soul experiencing black membership of the human race. He doesn't care what you think or feel about him, but he loves you! As Calvin, the Drapetomaniac, he's discovered that volunteering is an event, giving is a "season," but service is lifelong culture of joy, tests, and victories. He invites you to serve with him to heal humanity and be better than history instead of each other.

Nancy Peace

Ms. Peace holds a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from Arizona State University and a Masters of Education from Northern Arizona University with a concentration on human relationships. Her career choices have been in food and nutrition and educational development. For many years, Ms. Peace owned and operated a catering and event planning business in the San Francisco Bay Area. In the second half of her career, she changed direction to focus on educating our youth in disadvantaged environments. She is currently serving as a Principal at Pinnacle High School Tempe and has founded a non-profit entitled (MAPS) Mothers Against Prison Systems. MAPS aims to lower recidivism among disadvantaged youth through community and educational resources.

Ryan Winkle

Ryan Winkle has been putting people first in community organizing and economic development work for 11 years. He currently works as the Executive Director of RAIL CDC and is responsible for growing the grassroots organization into a community asset providing services and place-based support to small businesses and neighborhoods across the valley. He moves past engagement to empowerment with an emphasis on community resilience through comprehensive Antidisplacement and wealth building in underrepresented places. Ryan is involved in many community and cultural activities, is nonprofit AF, and drags his kids with him everywhere he goes. #DoltForTheNeighborhood

Albert Celozza

Dr. Albert Celozza is faculty in Political Science and World Religions at Phoenix College. He is also the advisor of the Model UN Team and the Phoenix Inter-generational Model United Nations Conference held every Fall and Spring Semesters. Dr. Celozza was named Arizona Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and was twice given the Phoenix College's Distinguished Teaching Award. He has also been recognized as outstanding faculty at the Thunderbird School of Global Management and Arizona State University. Among his published works is the book Ferdinand Marcos and the Philippines: The Political Economy of Authoritarianism. He is a lifetime member of the United Nations Association and has led the UNA Phoenix now in his capacity as the secretary of the Chapter. He is Executive Director of the Arizona Interfaith Movement.

Karen Hardin

Karen Hardin, M.S. Psychology and M.S. Counseling, Ed.D., and L.P.C Is a Licensed Professional Counselor and holds Masters Degrees in Counseling and Psychology. She earned her Doctorate Degree from Northern Arizona State University and teaches in the Graduate College of Counseling at Grand Canyon University. Dr. Hardin worked thirty-one years in the Maricopa Community College District where she volunteered as the Faculty Advisor for the college students' NAACP club for over 25 years. She currently serves as the President of the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP where she became President in December 2018. Dr. Hardin serves as a mentor to students. She was voted as Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 2010 and the student government awarded her with the outstanding advisor awarded in 2010. She was selected by the YWCA as the Educator of the Year in 2005. Dr. Hardin's positive leadership abilities have been demonstrated in many different ways. She was elected as president of MCBAA in 2008 and when the two-year term ended, the employees re-elected her for another two-year term. In January 2010 she was honored with the Dr. ML King award by Mesa City Parks and Rec. for her support of students and her volunteer work in the community. Her works with students from all groups promotes diversity because she brings people together from different ethnic backgrounds in the events she works on. She created, "Saturday Super Scholars," a program that helps low income elementary children to increase skills in math and science. Another program created by Dr. Hardin is Student's Striving Towards Excellent performance (STEP) This was a scholarship program that helps high school students transition to college. She was honored as a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society faculty mentor Friday April 1, 2011. This award was based on because of high quality performance and service she gives to students. Dr. Hardin is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated-Delta Beta Omega Chapter and a member of the Phoenix Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction. As well as a Missouri State University "Hall of Fame Honoree."

Vasu Bandhu

Vasu Bandhu joins the AFN team to assist in the development, coordination and implementation of AFN programs. Interfaith is his life's vocation, being a volunteer in the interfaith movement since the age of 18. He is Mexican, 26 years old, and his studies are in Politics and Social Projects from UnADM. He is a founding member of the interfaith latino youth council Fraternidad Interespiritual, and is a shuru in the Sangha Dhammapada, a Zen Buddhist community. Vasu Bandhu collaborates with the United Religions Initiative (URI) and the Parliament of the World's Religions, among other organizations. He lives with his husband in Arizona, having a deep appreciation for creating an interfaith family, since his husband's practice is Islam, while his is Buddhism.

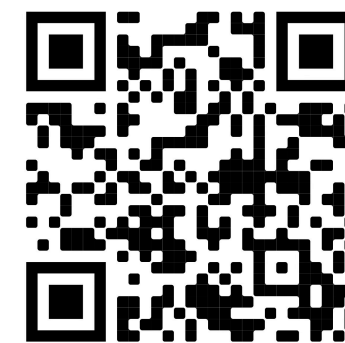
Katie Sexton-Wood

Rev. Katie Sexton-Wood comes to Arizona Faith Network with years of nonprofit experience specializing in ministry, leadership, interfaith work, and community organizing. She has a proven track record of building impactful communities who work to transform our world for the common good. Before being hired as the permanent Executive Director of AFN, Rev. Sexton-Wood served as the Senior Pastor for Coolwater Christian Church in Scottsdale, Arizona. Prior to that she worked for Grand Canyon University developing critical relationships and clinical partnership opportunities for student training, as a founding department manager for the Office of Field Experience in the College of Nursing and Health Care Professions. Rev. Sexton-Wood has her M.S. in Nonprofit Management (2019), a Master of Divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary, and an M.A. in Christian Studies from Grand Canyon University. She is ordained with the Disciples of Christ church, and is a certified Community Organizer. She previously served as a member of AFN's Board of Directors and has volunteered her service on multiple committees and is now Executive Director of AFN.



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Please watch these videos to prepare for our Public Discourse breakout group sessions guided by the Panel discussion and the content of our “Toolbox for a Warrior of Peace” Activity to *learn skills*: how to be an Ally or Anti-racist?



Video One: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvluWDUKDxM>

Consultation: Is the way we communicate working? (4:18 min)



Video Two: Start from (0:06 sec) https://youtu.be/_dg86g-QIM0

5 Tips For Being An Ally [@chescaleigh] (3:24 min)



BREAKOUT SMALL GROUP DISCOURSE SESSIONS

Toolbox for a Warrior of Peace. Activity to *learn skills*: how to be an Ally or Anti-racist?

Read the following quotes in your breakout group and then reflect on them in the context of some skills for "Becoming an Ally":

"In reality all are members of one human family—children of one Heavenly Father. Humanity may be likened unto the vari-colored flowers of one garden. There is unity in diversity. Each sets off and enhances the other's beauty." -`Abdu'l-Bahá

"If you desire with all your heart, friendship with every race on earth, your thought, spiritual and positive, will spread; it will become the desire of others, growing stronger and stronger, until it reaches the minds of all men." -`Abdu'l-Bahá

"Casting away once and for all the fallacious doctrine of racial superiority, with all its attendant evils, confusion, and miseries, and welcoming and encouraging the intermixture of races, and tearing down the barriers that now divide them, they should each endeavor, day and night..." -Shoghi Effendi

"Let neither think that anything short of genuine love, extreme patience, true humility, consummate tact, sound initiative, mature wisdom, and deliberate, persistent, and prayerful effort, can succeed in blotting out the stain which this patent evil has left on the fair name of their common country." -Shoghi Effendi

"The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people." -Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Facilitator Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be the "flowers of one garden" in the quote?
2. How can we become better listeners?
3. How can we be more supportive and not monopolize the emotional energy of those around us?
4. How do we show "genuine love, extreme patience, true humility, consummate tact" in the quote?
5. What are some examples of "sound initiative" indicated by the quote?

Some Useful Skills for Becoming an Ally:

1. **Being an Ally is about Listening** - Remember, this is not about you; it is about learning about and understanding others; allies should not expect others to educate them. Seek out written resources and discuss your privilege with other members of your dominant group.
2. **'Ally' is not a noun or self-proclaimed identity** - 'Ally' is not a label you can just choose; it is a process. It does not give you bragging rights. It is about action. Being in solidarity with others is always something we can strive for, but in the end, it is up to others whether or not they trust us and choose to receive support from us.
3. **There are no breaks** - Oppression is constant, so too must be the fight against it.
4. **Allies educate themselves constantly** - Education is up to us, it is our responsibility, and we must not place that responsibility on anyone other than ourselves and the dominant group to which we belong.
5. **You cannot be an ally in isolation** - You must find others in your dominant group with whom you can be held accountable, and you must remember that you are accountable to the group that experiences marginalization because of your power and privilege.
6. **Allies do not seek the spotlight** - Allies provide support to others rather than highlighting their own work.
7. **Allies focus on those who share their identity** - Talk to people in your dominant group, and call out instances of racism, sexism, ableism, or other forms of discrimination and hate when you see them.
8. **When Called Out, Allies Listen, Apologize, Act Accountably, and Act Differently Going Forward** - We all make mistakes, and you will slip up along the way. Take responsibility for your mistakes, and move forward.
9. **Allies never monopolize the emotional energy** - Avoid dwelling on your own pain or asking others to sympathize with you, especially when you are with members of an oppressed group.

Sunday, August 27th @ 1pm

40 years ago, Iran executed 10 Bahá'í women



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Prayer for Unity

“O my God! O my God!
 Unite the hearts of Thy servants, and
 reveal to them Thy great purpose.
 May they follow Thy commandments
 and abide in Thy law.
 Help them, O God, in their endeavor,
 and grant them strength to serve Thee.
 O God! Leave them not to themselves,
 but guide their steps by the light of Thy
 knowledge, and cheer their hearts by
 Thy love. Verily, Thou art their Helper
 and their Lord.”

-Bahá'u'lláh

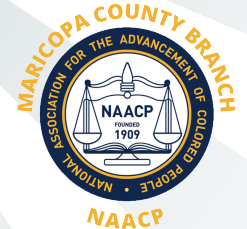


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Community Conversations: Where Strangers Meet as Friends (COPA affiliate)

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FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:

SPIRITUALITY CAFÉ

SELECT SATURDAY MORNINGS, 9AM TO 11AM,
 PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS AND PHILOSOPHICAL BACKGROUNDS DISCUSS
 NATURE OF THE HUMAN CONDITION WITH PASSAGES FROM WISDOM AND
 FAITH TRADITIONS. FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IS PROVIDED.

INTERFAITH DEVOTIONS

SELECT SUNDAY MORNINGS, 10AM TO 11AM,
 BAHÁ'Í DEVOTIONAL GATHERING WITH MEDITATIONS, REFLECTIONS AND
 PRAYERS FROM THE WORLD'S GREAT RELIGIONS. TRANQUIL ATMOSPHERE
 AND MUSICAL SELECTIONS. REFRESHMENTS.

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