

To: Teaching Elder and Ruling Elder Commissioners

Notice of Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania

The Presbytery of Transylvania will meet virtually on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The meeting will include worship, a community conversation on racial awareness, a report from the Burnamwood Vision Group, and other business.

The Presbytery convenes at 5:00 PM. Virtual registration opens at 4:30 PM.

If you are unable to attend, please request an excused absence from the Stated Clerk.
Email: statedclerk@transypby.org.

Pre-registration is required and can be found here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpfumspjkiHtzbbqAdZm43hUnkhyqL0zG7>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The docket and reports can be found here: <https://transypby.org/march-16-2021-presbytery-meeting/>

Here is an outline of the community discussion on racial awareness that will be discussed during the meeting.

- Introduction of the Team-Rachel Anderson
- Introduction of the Video and Following Discussion in Break-out Groups-Jim Dougans
- View the video-"The Myth of Race Debunked in Three Minutes"
(<https://youtu.be/VnfKgffCZ7U>)
- Discussion in Seven Break-out Groups, each group facilitated by a member of the team and by Philip, and addressing one question:
 1. How does one know what race one is?
 2. Why were Americans of European descent eager to agree with the race theories that began in 1776?
 3. What factors lead to changing inclusion in a specific race category?
 4. Do you think using race is a factor in the likelihood of having a medical condition? Does this help or hurt the discussion on race?
 5. If race is a made-up category, what would be the consequences if society stopped talking about race? What might we discuss instead? Would that be helpful or not?
 6. Does this brief history of race help you respond to statements such as those in parentheses? Why or why not? ("I don't see color." "There is only one race, the human race.")
 7. Do you think the history of race needs to be a part of our sharing with our fellow Presbyterians? Why or why not? How might we share/teach the history?
- Wrap up in plenary. Each group shares one thing. Hannah McIntyre.

God's blessings to each one and see you soon.

The Rev. Jerry L. Utt, II
Stated Clerk