

European American Lutheran Association (EALA)

"Allies in the struggle to dismantle racism"

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Anti-Racists Everywhere

Welcome to the EALA. We hope to provide a forum for the exchanges of ideas among groups and individuals committed to the work of dismantling racism in the ELCA and in society.



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Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the EALA is to dismantle racism, white privilege, and white power by recognizing and confessing our individual and corporate sin, and addressing institutional racism in the church and society by:

- Organizing as white people who will stand with people of color in the struggle to address and dismantle racism;
- Reclaiming our biblical heritage as one family created in God's image;
- Educating ourselves and others within the ELCA about racism and our participation in systems that oppress others and privilege us;
- Working within the ELCA to fulfill its commitments to anti-racist multiculturalism, and to become inclusive and anti-racist;
- Learning more about the many rich and diverse cultures and national identities that currently are, or that will be, present in the ELCA, its ecumenical partners, and interfaith relationships.

Share your ideas in the next issue:

What is the best way to start a conversation about race?

What have you done to create "teachable moments"?

Send your ideas to plewellan@mac.com and we will publish the best suggestions in next month's issue.

Note: If you are interested in joining the EALA, you can do so by going to the social networking website, PLAXO (www.plaxo.com). For detailed instructions and assistance, contact us at paulhenry.25@gmail.com



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