**Weaving Our Stories of Change:**

**The Journey Toward Wholeness**

JPD 9th Annual Racial Justice Conference

and

**Teach-In on Mass Incarceration**

November 1-3, 2013

Unitarian Society of Germantown

6511 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19119

**AGENDA**

**Friday, November 1st**

5:30p Registration & Dinner

6:45p Evening Program

* Welcome and Opening Words
* Soulful Sundown Worship – Daniel Gregoire
* JPD Leadership Panel: Institutional Commitment to Multiculturalism
  + Chesapeake UU Ministers Association (CUUMA)
  + Greater Washington Association Religious Education Council (GWAREC)
  + UUs for Social Justice (UUSJ)
* Closing

9:00p Adjourn for the evening

**Saturday, November 2nd**

8-9:00a Registration & Breakfast

9:00-12:00 Morning Program

* Who Carries the Torch? Germantown and Mt. Airy Stories: 1960 – 2013
* Playback Theater – Dramatic story Interpretation & Audience Interaction
* Recognition of the Inaugural Journey Toward Wholeness (JTW) Transformation Team
* Passing the Torch: Introducing New Team Structure JTW /Diverse & Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries /Allies for Racial Equity
* Introducing an 8th Principle JPD Multicultural Growth Study
* Reflections Q&A

12:00-1:30p Lunch and Community Building

1:30-5:45p Afternoon Program

* Worship with AWAKE Ministry: A ministry for the future Rev. John Crestwell
* Break
* **Key Note Speaker: Rev. Dr. Paul Rasor** Embracing our Liberal Heritage and Reclaiming Our Prophetic Voice by Working for Racial Justice
* Group Discussion
* Closing – Music with Tribe One

5:45p Adjourn

SUNDAY, November 3RD

**Sunday Service followed by Mass Incarceration Teach-in**

11:15-12:15

Sunday Service

*Roots and Wings…….* Rev. Kent Matthies

12:30-4:30

Mass Incarceration Teach-in

Lunch & Film Excerpts,

“Broken on All Sides” with Producer Matt Pillischer

Workshops

1. **The Prison Industrial Complex – what is it, how does it operate financially, structurally, psychologically.**

* **Maintaining the Underclass** – Are systems, operating nationally, designed to dehumanize the incarcerated? Does Corbett’s budget support these systems in PA? What customs, statutes, laws support it; how can we effect change?
* **Models of “Decarceration” in other States**. How might they work in Pennsylvania? What movements, grassroots or legislative would it take to implement them?

II **Catalysts for Mass Incarceration – How has the system been sustained, and why?**

* **The Drug War- Its inception, its Heyday**. The consequences, affecting its demise.
* **The Kindergarten to Prison Pipeline** – How is it supported, what are its consequences, how can it be demolished?

**III Re-Investing in the Community**

* **Redirecting Public Funds to a Freedom Agenda**, reducing recidivism and prison populations, re-entry systems, Legal redress.
* **Private Sector Funds**: Religious institutions: Supporting successful programs that would work for “decarceration” and improve the lives of ex-offenders.

The Teach-in is a partnership between

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