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YWCA Delaware to Hold Action Forum on Racism

Wilmington, DE: At a time in our country when racial tension is increasing, YWCA Delaware is taking a bold step and hosting an Action Forum–Addressing Racism. The forum takes place Sunday, April 14th 2 PM – 5 PM at the First Unitarian Church, 730 Halstead Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803.

Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester will be on hand along with The Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow, Project New-Start, Banking Desert Initiative, Voting rights Initiative, ACLU Smart Justice, and others.

“As we look to build a more just and equal future, we must have open and honest conversations about racism, sexism, and their effect on the lives of millions of Americans,” said Congresswoman Blunt Rochester. “As a former Delaware Secretary of Labor who championed study circles, I applaud the YWCA for rebooting the newly formed study circle, Action Forum, and convening this discussion, so we can move toward solutions that address structural racism, implicit bias, and celebrate and respect diversity in Delaware and across the country.”

The forum is the conclusion of the six-week Dialogue to Action discussion groups, where diverse groups of eight to 12 individuals, lead by facilitators discussed racism, its effects on society, and how to develop solutions to end it. The Action Forum is also open to those who did not participate in the dialogue groups.

Mara Gorman, member of the Newark Group said, “Dialogue to Action offered a rare and invaluable opportunity to sit in community with people whose race is different from mine. Fellow participants honestly shared their experiences and opinions, giving me a glimpse of what it is like to be an African American. I left the six-weeks humbled. I’m hopeful that I will be a better ally to people of color and that I can help raise awareness about racism and oppression. ”

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Forum participants will discuss strategies to put into action ways of eliminating racism and its effects on education, criminal justice, returning citizens, financial empowerment, and civic engagement.

To register go to www.ywcade.org/actionforum.

Those who missed the first series of Dialogue to Action groups can register online at www.ywcade.org/dialogue2action for groups beginning the week of September 29th. Sussex County groups will begin in May.

YWCA Delaware is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families and strengthen communities. We improve the health & safety, economic mobility, family stability and civic participation of women and their families. Learn more at www.ywcade.org.
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