

Vermont a Multiracial Multicultural State .doc

Title

“Vermont, a Multiracial, Multicultural State?” (00:29:57)

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Target audience

Primary target audience is for adults in UCC congregations in Vermont, especially those who have not yet explored white privilege and racism. Appropriate for stimulating discussion for any people of faith with limited understanding of racism today, but with hearts open to discussing spiritual basis for activism. Applicable to other institutions also trying to grasp what institutional racism is and how to address it.

No objectionable content, but not engaging for children younger than middle school.

Summary

If Vermont is such a great place to live and raise children, why don't more people of color choose to live here? If UCC churches are “welcoming”, why don't more Christian people of color choose to worship and serve with us? What can we do to become a community that embraces the wholeness God wants for us?

Special comments.

This movie was motivated by the Multiracial, Multicultural Resolution proposed to the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ, to explain the relevance of this resolution in a predominantly European-based culture, and to inspire local churches to embark on a journey of their own, in becoming Multiracial, Multicultural churches.

Recommended settings

- Especially suited to adult group use, to watch (only a half hour long) and then discuss, or to interrupt for discussion. Ideally, after viewing, a congregation might form a list of goals and a plan for achieving their goals.
- Appropriate for public access broadcast. For broadcast outside Vermont or after 2013, ask for the version without the copyrighted song “Turn the World Around.”
- Can be used for trainings on White Privilege or Anti-Racism, with chapter markers to facilitate only showing certain clips instead of the whole movie. Trainers: please ask for a version that has the more detailed chapter markers, if desired.