

TRANSFORM

“THE ARC OF THE MORAL UNIVERSE IS LONG, BUT IT BENDS TOWARD JUSTICE”

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4-Week Anti-Racism Challenge (ARC)

WEEK 2: July 8 - 15, 2022

This is your *own personal journey*. To participate, we ask that you complete at least 3 activities this week. You can use the ARC Tracking tool below to monitor your progress. Choose from of the following:

WATCH: Nikole Hannah-Jones (Pulitzer prize winning author of *The 1619 Project*) addressed the United Nations General Assembly as the U.N. marked the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.
<https://bit.ly/39VOJ1V>

LEARN: How our cities were designed to keep Black people in poor, segregated areas and whites in thriving, prosperous neighborhoods in this piece from listenlearnact.org. “Planning for Poverty” in *The Unveiling, Our Little Known History*
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1di8jW1UJCX_qwheBmVz56tEtTPa685OSpMosRHmtvXo/edit?usp=sharing

JOURNAL: Write about your own neighborhood—its history and demographics—and your own proximity to people of different races.

CONNECT: Join in the fun at the 11th Annual Molo Village Community Festival on Saturday, July 9th, from noon - 8:00 p.m. at Baxter Park located at 12th and Jefferson Street. This one-day event will showcase live music, food, and local black/brown artists.
<https://www.gotolouisville.com/events-calendar/2022-molo-village-community-festival/>

WATCH: *The Courier Journal's* Opinion Editor, Bonnie Jean Feldkamps's Ted Talk: “Contempt vs. Connection in Online Communication.”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Pf87P1eceY&t=1s>

LEARN/ACT: Last week, researchers found a 1955 arrest warrant that was never served, charging Carolyn Bryant Donham for her participation in Emmett Till's murder. The Till family has demanded justice. They want the warrant served on Donham and her to stand trial. Pressure from a large mass of people might move the prosecutor to do so. This is one way we can support the victims of white supremacist violence. Read more here: <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/06/29/warrant-emmett-till-case-00043349>

Contact the officials below, urging them to serve the warrant:

--District Attorney Dewayne Richardson: <https://msdeltada.com/contact-us/>

--Leflore County Sheriff Ricky Banks: <https://www.leflorecounty.ms/contact-us>, then select, "Sheriff" in the recipient box.

You might use phrases such as—

Please serve the arrest warrant on Mrs. Carolyn Brandt Donham and bring her to trial. Please do your part to challenge the violent racism that lives on today as evidenced by 3 white Ole Miss students who (just 3 years ago) posed, grinning, with their rifles beside a shot up plaque commemorating Emmett Till's death.* Please send a strong message to them and others of their ilk—this is not 1955. Please give hope to the Till family and countless victims of racist violence who look to the justice system to right these wrongs.

*<https://www.propublica.org/article/ole-miss-students-pose-with-guns-in-front-of-shot-up-emmett-till-memorial>

READ: Kids have summer reading goals and this list of children's books is a great way to foster allyship in your family. Want your children to learn Black history? *The Courier Journal* recommends these books for them.

<https://www.courier-journal.com/story/opinion/2022/02/10/books-on-black-history-your-children-will-love/6688419001/>

LEARN: Denver's STAR program—that sends Crisis Interventionists to nonviolent incidents—has successfully reduced crimes.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/denvers-mental-health-approach-low-level-911-calls-helped-reduce-minor-rcna32659>

WATCH: *The Best of Enemies*, a 2019 film based on the book *The Best of Enemies: Race and Redemption in the New South* by Osha Gray Davidson, which focuses on the rivalry between civil rights activist Ann Atwater and Ku Klux Klan leader C. P. Ellis. On Netflix.

LEARN: The Sr. Thea Bowman Society, St. Agnes Chapter is sponsoring a Pilgrimage of Racial Solidarity on July 30th that will focus on the experiences of Black Catholics in

Louisville in the 19th century before, during and after the Civil War. It will also include a walking pilgrimage through some of Louisville's historical slave history sites.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4daca82ba2f49-pilgrimage>

CREATE your own anti-racism activity. If you like, please share it with us so we can pass the idea on to others.

CONNECT: Invite a friend to the 4-week ARC. Just send them this link to sign up!

<https://bit.ly/3NrvOe>

Thank you for your commitment.

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Use the link below to copy or download the ARC Tracking Tool:

<https://bit.ly/3NmXVtz>