

# TRANSFORM

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

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

## 4-Week Anti-Racism Challenge (ARC)

WEEK 3: July 15 - 21, 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:** *Greenbook*, a 2018 film, based on a true story that follows Dr. Don Shirley, a world-class African American pianist, as he embarks on a Deep South concert tour in 1962. On Hulu.

**READ:** Sister Eilis McCullah in the *Global Sisters Report* says, “Telling the truth and sharing sacred stories is, indeed, the only way we can begin to repair and redress the pain caused by slavery, and our country's inability to truly repent for centuries of systemic racism. At times it can feel so overwhelming — where do we begin? As we learned in Cleveland and from Rev. Blackmon, the place to begin is in the church — in our communities.” Read the full article here: <https://bit.ly/3HSW4vF>

**LEARN:** Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg has announced a plan to address the damage done to Black communities by “Urban Renewal” projects. [https://www.npr.org/2022/06/30/1108852884/pete-buttigieg-launches-1b-pilot-to-build-racial-equity-in-americas-roads?utm\\_campaign=mb&utm\\_medium=newsletter&utm\\_source=morning\\_brew](https://www.npr.org/2022/06/30/1108852884/pete-buttigieg-launches-1b-pilot-to-build-racial-equity-in-americas-roads?utm_campaign=mb&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_source=morning_brew)

**DONATE:** to Black Market KY, a Black-owned grocery and community garden in West Louisville. This past week, the community garden was vandalized and robbed of newly sprouting plants. Now the owners/gardeners are hoping to build a fence to protect the community’s hard work. If you think it’s a worthy cause, here is their GoFundMe page. <https://gofund.me/18e320d9>

**WATCH:** The 2021 film, *Citizen Ashe*, which explores the enduring legacy of tennis great and humanitarian Arthur Ashe, charting his personal evolution from Grand Slam champion to global activist against a tumultuous historical backdrop.

Streaming on Amazon Prime:

<https://www.amazon.com/Citizen-Ashe-Rex-Miller/dp/B09MR8VTD7>

**CONNECT:** Join a local anti-racist group such as LSURJ (Louisville Showing Up for Racial Justice) at <https://www.louisvillesurj.org/> or The Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Oppression at <https://www.kentuckyalliance.org/about.html> or the Louisville branch of the NAACP <https://lounaACP.org/join>

**READ:** Black children are far more likely than white children to report low or no swimming ability, a disparity that underlies other, grimmer statistics. Black people drown at a rate 50 percent higher than white people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Read more here:

[https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/04/us/segregation-nile-swim-club.html?campaign\\_id=37&emc=edit\\_rr\\_20220709&instance\\_id=66187&nl=race%2Frelated&regi\\_id=75149272&segment\\_id=98079&te=1&user\\_id=33dbb99fb1cd023b7914550375f298c9](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/04/us/segregation-nile-swim-club.html?campaign_id=37&emc=edit_rr_20220709&instance_id=66187&nl=race%2Frelated&regi_id=75149272&segment_id=98079&te=1&user_id=33dbb99fb1cd023b7914550375f298c9)

**SUPPORT / LEARN:** The Louisville Story Program and the Muhammad Ali Center present the Author Reading series, *Tracing Grout Lines in Cinder Blocks* on Thursday, July 28th, 6:00 pm at the Muhammad Ali Center. Please join writers Ali Alsalman, Aletha Fields, Shelton McElroy, and Cheketa Tinsley as they read unflinching accounts about their experiences with incarceration.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/author-reading-tracing-grout-lines-in-cinder-blocks-tickets-367719477857>

**LEARN:** 90% of whites have no Black friends. Read this article that explores the benefits of having people of other races in your social networks.

<https://www.prr.org/press-release/prri-survey-friendship-networks-of-white-americans-continue-to-be-90-white/>

**WATCH:** This short clip of Janet Yellen US Treasury Secretary answers the question, “When will the picture of Harriet Tubman replace Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill?” “2030. I know it’s a long way off. It adheres to the original schedule that was announced in 2014 by Secretary Lew and President Obama. We lost four years during the Trump administration..., but we have made efforts to catch up and we remain on that schedule.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRZNp8IzNuY>

**READ/LEARN:** Dr. Stewart Burns' Talk at Simmons College, Louisville, 6/15/2022: "Multiracial Alliance Building to Overcome Systemic Injustice." In the fall, Dr. Burns will be joining the faculty of Simmons College and developing a new Center for Creating Alliances.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VxkXqXSv0TPmq71jnNtZEq6Aw6Gd56gXIs-o63D\\_Daw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VxkXqXSv0TPmq71jnNtZEq6Aw6Gd56gXIs-o63D_Daw/edit?usp=sharing)

**SUPPORT:** Learn about the wonderful work being done by The Hope Buss and donate here: <https://www.thehopebuss.org/>

**LEARN:** Kentucky's forgotten date of freedom came after Texas' Juneteenth, here's why:

<https://www.courier-journal.com/story/opinion/2022/06/16/juneteenth-why-kentucky-last-free-enslaved-people-not-texas/7610522001/>

**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://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKxhrLJ8M7BmkDhXcn0OxxfbdUQr0iRMRYKufIvAg1Q7q52w/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKxhrLJ8M7BmkDhXcn0OxxfbdUQr0iRMRYKufIvAg1Q7q52w/viewform?usp=pp_url)

Thank you for your commitment.

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

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KshnjV-w4a7bxa5lyfdBfZ-GRX7TqypB/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116880872450525024851&rtpof=true&sd=true>