

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 4: January 20 - 26, 2023

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:

LISTEN / LEARN: from this PBS audio story about the unsolved murder of Alberta O. Jones a trailblazing Black Louisville lawyer and attorney who graduated at the top of her class from the newly integrated University of Louisville and then Howard University School of Law. In 1959, Jones became one of the first Black women admitted to the Kentucky bar, and in 1965 became Louisville’s first woman prosecutor. She also helped to educate and register Black voters, and she negotiated a contract for boxer Cassius Clay, her neighbor, who would become Muhammad Ali.

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/interactive/unresolved/cases/alberta-o-jones>

ATTEND VIRTUALLY: Racial justice classes provided by the U.S. Catholic Priests Anti-racism Team. Two series will be offered; Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoon: The sessions will be moderated by Rev. John Judie, and Susan and Paul Sherman. Contact Paul Sherman (sherman.paul@twc.com) to register.

Monday February 6, 13, 20, & 27 (7-8:30pm EST) or
Wednesday February 1, 8, 15, & 22 (1-2:30pm EST)

WATCH: *A Time for Burning*, a 1966 documentary that explores the attempts of the minister of Augustana Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska, to persuade his all-white congregation to reach out to "Negro" Lutherans in the city's north side. The film, which features scenes with a young, fiery Ernie Chambers before he became a Nebraska legislator, was nominated as Best Documentary Feature in the 1967 Academy Awards.

<https://youtu.be/OrMKY2n-EPc>

READ: Ibram X. Kendi's article, *Who Gets to Be Afraid in America?*

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/05/ahmaud-arbery/611539/>

SUPPORT / DONATE: When officials track homicides, they usually use a red dot on a map to designate the community where the crime happened. The No More Red Dots (NMRD) campaign is a comprehensive strategy for reducing the numbers of red dots that appear on the maps, and impacting the numbers of youth/young adults who make choices resulting in their being in the pipeline that leads to prison. Learn more here:

<https://youtu.be/tLLWyFxMEd4>

Donate here: <https://www.nmrd.info/>

REGISTER: Join Elizabeth Alexander (Mellon Foundation President) and Lonnie G. Bunch (Founding director of the National Museum of African American History and Culture) for this free webinar as they discuss *The State of Our Union*, and lessons they've learned from the arts and humanities and how these disciplines can unlock a fuller American Story with room for all.

<https://stateofourunion.splashthat.com/MellonEvents>

JOURNAL: Reflect on a negative experience or observation from your past having to do with race. Write about what you were thinking at the time and ways you would react or think about it differently now.

READ / JOIN: For a virtual book discussion on Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited* on Sunday, February 19th at 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Thurman was a principal architect of the civil rights movement, promoting radical nonviolence and shaping a generation of civil rights activists including Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

If you'd like to dive into this fascinating and timeless work, please sign up here.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/hTRI7HU/listenlearnact>

WATCH: This 1966 short film on MLK's march through Cicero, IL to protest violence against Blacks when integrating neighborhoods.

<https://youtu.be/lAV4O2MCBRM>

REGISTER: for our upcoming racial justice class, "Finding a Path Forward for Job Equity and Financial Empowerment." The class is free and meets both in person and online.

Through the Earth and Spirit Center. Learn more here:

<https://www.earthandspiritcenter.org/class/listen-learn-act-finding-a-path-forward-in-west-louisville/>

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

Thank you for joining us for the ARC! We will do it again in April -- we hope you'll join us!

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Use the link below to copy or download this ARC Tool to track your progress:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KshnjV-w4a7bxa5lyfdBfZ-GRX7TqypB/edit#gid=446847735>