



The Shenandoah River District United Women in Faith
Social Action Committee presents...

Creating Conversations and Communication: *Journeying to Racial Justice*

The first in a series of justice conversations scheduled for 2024-2025

Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon

Please register for one of the following options by April 24:

**In-person at Front Royal UMC - 1 West Main Street, Front Royal, VA
or via Zoom Link**

Retreat Outline

Gathering, Light Refreshments and Opening Worship

Reflections by Panelists Costella Forney, Marquette Mitchell,
Lillian Sloan, and Felicia Thomas with Moderator, Heather Gomez

Responses, Reflections, Questions by Participants

Break Out for Small Group Conversations

Sharing and Visioning with Large Group

Closing Worship and Benediction

- It has been said that Sunday church hours are the most segregated hours in the USA. Is this true today, and if so, should there be a change? How do United Women in Faith engage in kin-dom building conversations where they live and worship?
- What racial injustices exist in our communities and how might we, as United Women in Faith, address them?
- In 1758 John Wesley records baptizing two “Negro slaves.” In 1790 Methodist records indicate 20% of Black people (slave and free) numbered around 57,000 American Methodists. In 1968 the Central Jurisdiction abolished formal segregation in the Methodist Churches that were among the first to allow Black people to worship and take leadership roles in their congregations. This growth has not come without a struggle that continues today. Currently the Shenandoah River District is home not only to Black and White Women, but also other Women of Color from around the world. How do United Women in Faith practice authentic conversations that address these present and evolving racial justice struggles and opportunities?

**Registration Form - Please send to Laura Douglass, SRD UWF Social Action Chair,
1120 Hillcrest Dr. Harrisonburg, VA 22801 or email to lauradouglass@vaumc.org by April 24.**

Name _____ e-Mail _____

Mailing Address _____

Church _____ Phone _____

Attendance option: ___ In-person ___ Virtual