

GREETINGS TO AM AND LM CLERKS FROM THE ECAM RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP.

Dear Friends,

The Racial Justice group met last week for the first time to try and discern how all our Meetings can become truly Anti-Racist Faith Communities as requested by a Yearly Meeting Minute 2 years ago.

We are aware that many Friends think we are already an anti-racist Faith Community and why are we focusing on this when there are many other issues like climate justice, social justice, the peace testimony, disability and gender to worry about. We share the urgency of all these concerns and know they are interrelated. But if we want to speak out on these injustices with integrity we need to begin by challenging racial inequality and the multitude of injustices it produces, in ourselves. Eg as a start: What do we really think racism is?

We all learn differently - film, literature, lecture, meditation, discussion. The Racial Justice group wants to ask each LM to hold a meeting to think deeply about what we should be doing and to let us (the Racial Justice group) know by the end of August. This may be difficult timewise but it would be helpful because it will inform all of us in ECAM where we stand, as Quakers, on anti-racism and what would be helpful to organise.

The Racial Justice group would like to act as a Consultation group not as an authority on what to do, so please email any one of us with questions, ideas, requests, comments,

We look forward to hearing from clerks in due course.

In Friendship,

Keith Braithwaite, Till Geiger, Ann Lewis, Veronique Pin-Fat,
Phoebe Spence