



A Mighty Stream An Interfaith Community of Sacred Activists for Racial Justice

Participant Pledge Form

Who We Are and Our Purpose:

A Mighty Stream is a program that aims to organize and unite Cincinnati's diverse communities of faith into a moral force whose participants take action, individually and collectively, privately and publicly, spiritually and materially, to advance the cause of racial justice through *sacred activism*, including education, dialogue, community-building, and advocacy for policies and legislation which remediate systemic inequities. The participants in the AMS program draw inspiration from the shared spiritual values of their respective faith traditions, all of which promote love and acceptance of all people as having inherent value and dignity and condemn all forms of prejudice and bigotry. Working together, the AMS participants endeavor to move us closer to the Beloved Community of Dr. King's vision. *A Mighty Stream* is sponsored by EquaSion, a nonpartisan civic organization whose mission is to engage people of all faiths, through compassion and collective action, to discover their shared humanity and spirituality, and to work together for an equitable and just community for everyone.

Our Resolutions:

1. **WE RESOLVE** to discern our personal and communal biases and commit to transforming our lives for the greater good;
2. **WE RESOLVE** to listen and learn from each other as we pursue anti-racism and racial justice in our personal and corporate lives;
3. **WE RESOLVE** to address racism and racial disparities in our own faith communities;
4. **WE RESOLVE** to eradicate economic disparities and systemic inequities in our spheres of influence; and
5. **WE RESOLVE** as an interfaith community, to work with civic leaders and elected officials in advocating for policies that dismantle structural racism and the ideology of white supremacy.

Our Values:

Guided by our spirituality, we share these values:

- We value the human experience.
- We value the promotion of marginalized voices in the public sphere.
- We value the loving connectedness that crosses boundaries and establishes new ideals.
- We value a just and redemptive criminal legal system and realization of equal protection under the law.
- We value equitable access to employment, housing, health care, quality education, and economic prosperity.

Our Ask of AMS Participants:

- That you pledge to adopt and in good faith honor the five Resolutions
- That you share your learnings, experiences and resources with other AMS Participants
- That you contribute to the collaborative workings and civic activities of the AMS

Our Offerings to AMS Participants:

- Participation in a uniquely inclusive and diverse **network of faith entities**, all committed to the cause of racial justice through sacred activism.
- **Educational resources and assistance** in promoting racial justice awareness, sacred activism, and in support of upholding the Resolutions.
- **Volunteer opportunities** for persons of faith to advocate for proposed solutions to racial inequities provided by our Racial Equity Partners via “AMS Sacred Activism ALERT”
- **Organized engagement activities** bringing faith communities together to support and collaborate with the victims of racial injustice.

Our Participants: (to date)

We, the religious and faith-based organizations listed below, have **ADOPTED** and **STAND UNITED** behind the Resolutions of *A Mighty Stream*:

- EquaSion
- Beulah Missionary Baptist Church
- Zoroastrian Association of Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana
- Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati
- Cincinnati Friends Meeting
- Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Cincinnati
- *InterfaithCincy*
- The Interfaith Center at Miami University
- Jewish Community Relations Council, part of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati
- Lee Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church
- Legacy Pointe Church
- Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center
- Women's Interfaith Network of Cincinnati
- Archdiocese of Cincinnati Social Action Office
- Oxford Friends Meeting
- The Diocese of Southern Ohio, Episcopal
- Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, Second Episcopal District
- Disciples of Christ in Southwest Ohio
- Adath Israel Congregation
- Presbytery of Cincinnati

- West Ohio Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Buddhist Community of Cincinnati
- Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati and World Hindu Council of America (VHPA)
- First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati
- Cincinnati NAACP
- Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
- Eastern Hills Friends Meeting

Participant Pledge

We wish to participate in *A Mighty Stream* and pledge to uphold its Resolutions:

(Name of organization – how you wish to be listed)

(/s/ of Authorized Representative)

(Mailing Address)

(Email address

(Website URL)

(Date)

Submit to: EquaSion-AMS, 9830 Tollgate Lane, Montgomery OH 45242; email to chip.harrod@gmail.com: (513) 806-9650.



