

Truth and Reconciliation Hearings on Racism

"Delaware is freedom's first state. Wilmington is freedom's first city."

MISSION

With unity and purpose that transcends race, class, sex, age, or place of natural origin, Delawareans will present testimony for the public record. We will recognize the trauma and truth regarding personal experiences with historical, generational pain caused by racism in America and the legacy of slavery. The tragic experiences and realities of everyday life for people of color, specifically Black and Americans and Indigenous populations, can no longer be denied.

Our goal is to ***light a spark for freedom*** through the telling of stories concerning past and present patterns of oppression. We take these steps with the intent to bury systemic racism and the legacy of slavery in our governments, in our communities, and in our hearts.

HOW IT WORKS

Truth and Reconciliation Commissions have been established by nations in the past, most notably in South Africa after the end of Apartheid, in an effort to ***make past injustices part of the public record and to legitimize the struggles of marginalized groups***. While the American government has yet to create such a commission, this non-governmental effort has a similar intent: to recognize and make public the injustices that people of color, especially Black Americans and Indigenous populations, have faced.

A website will be created to receive stories categorized by issue area. This vital information will be used to bear witness to the need for real and lasting policies and programs that improve the lives and communities of those affected. ***We are calling for a cultural and moral shift that moves beyond tinkering at the edges of oppression.***

Beginning on Independence Day - July 4th - and through July 4th 2021, we intend to gather unscripted, unedited testimony from people of different races and generations throughout Delaware. From these testimonies, selections will be made for presentation in a live hearing, which will take place on Saturday, August 29th in Wilmington, Delaware. On August 29th 2021, a funeral service to bury racism will be held in the City of Wilmington.

We seek to continue to educate all people about America's historic diversity collaborations between races and their implications for today's progressive protest movement. Through re-education it is our hope that this effort will help the misinformed become allies in the struggle for real and lasting change.

CONTACT US

To share your testimony or to get involved in our efforts, visit our website www.laststoptofreedom.org.

“This is no time for answers that don’t answer and solutions that don’t solve. This is the time for action.” – Martin Luther King Jr., 1964

Black Lives Matter. They always have and they always will.

