

## Racial Justice Task Force—Get Involved!

In light of the protests and tragic violence in Charlottesville, the Racial Justice Task Force invites our members to get involved this coming year. This is an important time to be strong and clear about our conviction to stand against white privilege and all racial injustice. The Task Force has identified the following organizations as great entry points for engagement. We encourage you to explore these organizations and get involved. We will plan gatherings at which people can report back on what they've discovered and learned. Let us put our bodies where our hearts are in these difficult days.

### Justice Choir-Twin Cities:

This relatively new organization started in the Twin Cities but is spreading nationally. It's based upon the role of song in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s. Visit their website at [justicechoir.org](http://justicechoir.org). The next Justice Choir-Twin Cities event is at the Minnesota Public Radio booth at the Minnesota State Fair, Sept. 2 at 1 p.m. Keep up to date on local JC events by checking their Facebook page ([justicechoirTC](https://www.facebook.com/justicechoirTC)).

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### Discussions That Encounter:

This multicultural group gathers to discuss race. Discussions that Encounter has been in existence for over 12 years and often meets at St. Olaf Catholic Church in downtown Minneapolis (occasionally elsewhere). All are welcome. The group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Sign up for the email list by contacting Bill Keatts: [wkeatts@austin.rr.com](mailto:wkeatts@austin.rr.com).

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### Penumbra Theatre

The Racial Justice Task Force is encouraging Plymouth members to participate in the many wonderful events Penumbra has to offer. Besides the excellent plays that it produces, Penumbra also offers race workshops, race consultations, discussions on race, internships and other great services. Please visit their website: [www.penumbra theatre.org](http://www.penumbra theatre.org).

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### Southern Poverty Law Center:

"The SPLC is the premier U.S. nonprofit organization monitoring the activities of domestic hate groups and other extremists." The SPLC has been working to eradicate racism in the U.S. for decades and is a great source for keeping up to date on what is happening with racial justice in our country. [www.splcenter.org](http://www.splcenter.org)

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### Showing Up for Racial Justice:

SURJ is a national network, with a local branch, of groups and individuals organizing white people for racial justice. Through community organizing, mobilizing and education, SURJ moves white people to act as part of a multiracial majority for justice with passion and accountability. There are many ways you can become involved with SURJ. Visit them at [www.showingupforracialjustice.org](http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org).