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Cincinnati Human Relations Commission & Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center challenges Greater Cincinnati to Rethink Racism

Cincinnati, OH --- Nationwide, communities are galvanizing and demanding institutions to address racism. In this spirit, the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission and Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center are partnering to challenge organizations and individuals to make a commitment to addressing and ending racism, with an initiative entitled, "Rethinking Racism." The kickoff event for this collaborative will be an open space dialogue and workshop taking place **Thursday, January 14, 2016, 6:30-8:30pm** at Father Rivers Hall, St. Joseph Parish, 745 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Attendees will have the opportunity to address their perceptions of modern day racism and participate in action based strategizing. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP online at www.ijpcincinnati.org or over the phone at [513.579.8547](tel:513.579.8547).

About the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission

CHRC was established in November of 1943 as The Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee. The goal was to appoint a committee that represented various racial, industrial and religious groups to make sure all groups felt a part of their communities and supported one another in the city of Cincinnati. As time passed the name was changed to CHRC and the mission grew to target a much larger issue, discrimination. Thus, the agency's mission is "to help our community to overcome prejudice and discrimination, build mutual respect and understanding, and to become more harmonious and cohesive." For additional information on how you can support CHRC and its programs, please contact Executive Director, Ericka King-Betts, PhD at [513.352.3237](tel:513.352.3237).

About the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

The Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center educates and advocates for peace, challenges unjust local, national and global systems, and promotes the creation of a nonviolent society. Founded in 1985, IJPC is supported by faith-based organizations and individuals who work together to educate around justice issues, take collaborative action, and do public witness. IJPC addresses local, national and international concerns focusing on the death penalty, immigration, human trafficking, and peace and nonviolence. For more information and to get involved, please contact Executive Director, Allison Reynolds-Berry, MSW at [513.579.8547](tel:513.579.8547) or visit www.ijpcincinnati.org

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