



## **Brief Review of Religious Leader's Sept 23, 2020 Caucus**

Introductions by each in attendance gave voice to a rich variety of community involvement in anti-racism work.

**GUEST SPEAKERS: Matt Brown, MD** while practicing medicine at St Mary's Hospital has encouraged 300 Black people to register to vote and now is encouraging voting early. He is Deputy Mayor of Fairport and an active anti-racist; he spoke of care for patients with mental health issues and also addressed the causes of concentrated poverty especially in Rochester and legislatively created racist policies restricting safe, affordable housing in and around Rochester.

**Chaku Mathis** works on racial equity and mental health and substance abuse. He spoke of his experience of being beaten as a child because of his color, and of the effects of that trauma. Chaku advocates in workshops. Among his statements: Not only must mental health professionals be at the table in redesigning police protocols but people who have been victims need to be heard and to be part of the redesign.

Those in attendance 9/23 wanted to see RocACTS' format for One on Ones. Please edit the attached "RocACTS One on Ones" to make the rationale, how to, why and data gathering questions helpful for your use with others in our caucus, people in your congregation and school, community leaders, et al.