



Religious Leaders Caucus

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Roberta Davis, RocACTS Secretary and member of The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester researched and reported on CRT as school boards throughout the country are being attacked by people who misunderstand CRT and believe propaganda about it and become fear mongers.

No one is trying to teach CRT to children. It is important we teach true history in age appropriate ways. While our teachers may have taught us something of the enslavement of people, we learned little about Jim Crow laws, the extent of red lining and nothing about the GI Bill's inaccessibility to black service personnel, pervasive housing and hiring bans and massacres in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Wilmington, NC and elsewhere. Learning gaps in our history impact our cultural implicit bias. History repeats itself in new ways as unarmed people of color are killed and mass incarceration enslaves people today.

As we listened to Roberta I realized that working with people of color in RocACTS these last several years has taught me more than I learned the last seventy years. For the last nine years, every day I've confirmed and witnessed it's white people's responsibility to learn and practice anti racism. In each of our congregations we have change agents who empower one another to be prophetic as they've listened and learned truths that have been hidden but pervasive. Their ability to lead others in facing societal challenges continues the work of justice. blessings

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