

# RACIAL JUSTICE – MUCC INCLUSIVE ARTS

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The MUCC Inclusive Arts group was established as one part of our congregation's identified work toward a more racially just community and world.

The team of 6 meets monthly with the goal of decentralizing whiteness in our church building.  
Draft mission statement:

**We are committed to assessing our environment to create an inclusive, welcoming space. We do this by ensuring our artwork, printed materials and toys create spaces in which all people feel safe and valued, and see themselves represented throughout our building. We believe this is an outreach, which represents the belief of our congregation, where we accept, love, honor and cherish persons of all races.**

To date, we have accomplished the following:

1. Received donation of a variety of children's books that highlight diversity and inclusion, to place in our little free library.
2. Completed an inventory of print materials in the church to assess for diversity. We have found that the vast majority of all printed material have illustrations of only white people. The one children's Bible that included illustrations of people of color, included illustrations of black and brown children reading and discussing the passages, but all of the illustrations of the actual Bible stories were again, all white.
3. The majority of art in our church follows the same pattern, as do the toys in the nursery and children's area in the sanctuary.
4. Received the gift of a painting of "The Black Madonna".
5. Researching options for artwork, books and children's activities/toys to incorporate into our space.