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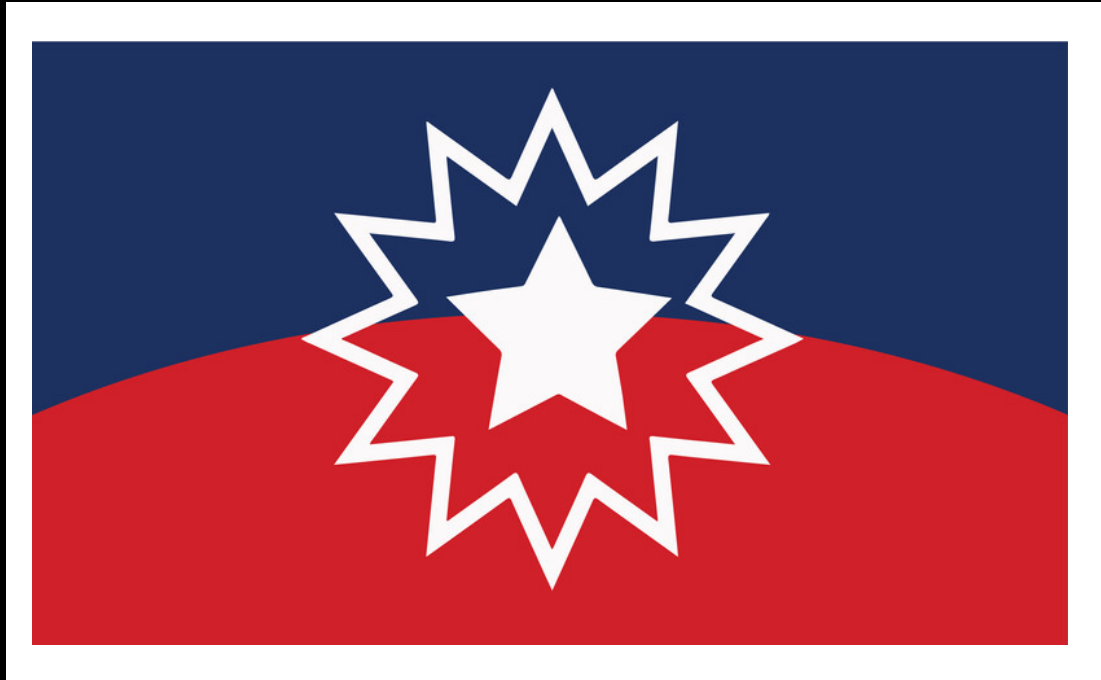
BREAKING BREAD  
TO COUNTER HATRED

An invitation to Learn, Act and Reflect

"Racial healing is an ongoing process, supportive of wholeness in individuals, communities and societies. It benefits all people because, regardless of background, we live in and are impacted by the narratives and conditions present throughout this increasingly interconnected world."

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# LEARN JUNETEENTH



Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

Later attempts to explain this two and a half year delay in the receipt of this important news have yielded several versions that have been handed down through the years. Often told is the story of a messenger who was murdered on his way to Texas with the news of freedom. Another, is that the news was deliberately withheld by the enslavers to maintain the labor force on the plantations. And still another, is that federal troops actually waited for the slave owners to reap the benefits of one last cotton harvest before going to Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation. All of which, or neither of these version could be true. Certainly, for some, President Lincoln's authority over the rebellious states was in question. For whatever the reasons, conditions in Texas remained status quo well beyond what was statutory.

# ACT INTENTIONALLY

## HOST A *Just Dinner*



If you are ready to acknowledge that it is your responsibility actively work on being anti-racist or you desire to process the influence racism has had on you life for the betterment of the anti-racist movement, then Just Dinner is where you need to be. When you decide to host a Just Dinner, you are engaging in meaningful work that creates change in your corner for the world. All you have to do is:

1. Set a dinner date.
2. Download the Just Dinner Guide.
3. Break Bread and answer the questions on the guide.

**Remember:** Just Dinner is an opportunity to acknowledge the grave damage inflicted by individual and systemic racism. When grounded in empathy and oriented toward equity, it has restorative potential to affirm the inherent value of all people.

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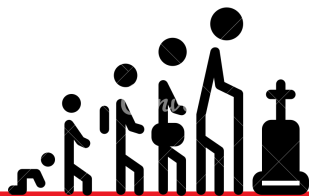
## Breaking bread to counter hatred

In an effort to build relationships and continue the conversation around race, the Your Neighbor's Hood podcast created Just Dinner. Just Dinner is exactly what it sounds like— just dinner. It encourages people to break bread to counter hatred. Now, they want you to do the same. Bring your people together or sit with strangers to engage in a meaningful and dynamic conversation about race and social justice.

# Conversation Guide

Think of the first memory of realizing your race--what was that experience like for you?

How much do you think about race in your day-to-day life? What do you think prompts this thinking?



How often are you the minority in the room? If not often, why?

What misconceptions have people made about you because of your appearance?

Do you think their perception would change if you were of a different race or culture?



How would you personally define 'racism', and why?

What do you think stops people from intervening when they see racial injustice or discrimination?

Where do you feel most comfortable talking about racism?

Where do you feel least comfortable talking about racism? Why?



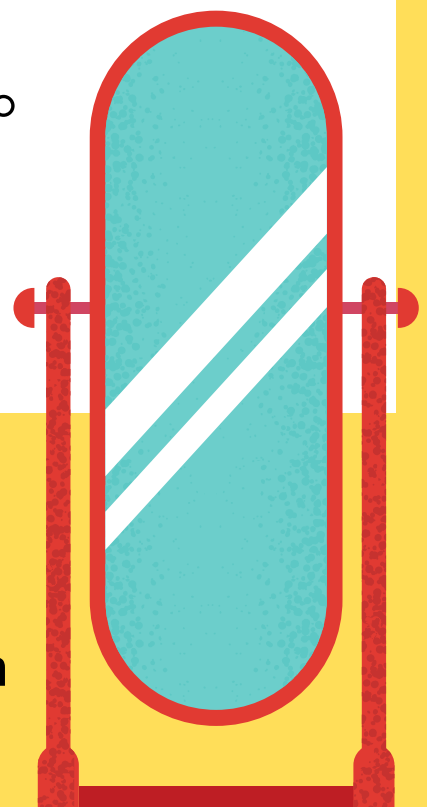
What does equity look like to you?

What are your priorities in equity going forward?

Tell us more about your experience at [yourneighborhood.com](http://yourneighborhood.com)

# REFLECT PURPOSEFULLY

- Now that it's over, what are my first thoughts about the conversation?
- Are my thoughts mostly positive or negative? What comes to mind specifically?
- What were some of the most interesting discoveries I made while working through the conversation guide? About racism? About myself? About others?
- What were some of my most challenging moments and what made them so?
- What were some of my most powerful learning moments and what made them so?
- What's the one thing about myself above all others I would like to work to improve?
- How will I use what I've learned in the future?



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