

# In the Community, February 17, 2021

A Weekly Listing of Diversity and Multicultural Events
From the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony:
"Diversity, Unity, and Justice Are at the Heart of ACEH"

Links to resources specially compiled for Black History Month are in the Anti-racism, Race, and Ethnicity section. listed below

ACEH was founded in Holland in 1999 and is committed to justice, equal opportunity, cross-cultural understanding, and appreciation for diversity. Members work together to make West Michigan a place where all people are welcomed and respected. "In the Community" is also on the ACEH website <a href="https://www.harmonyalliance.org">www.harmonyalliance.org</a> Check us out under Groups on Facebook, at ACEH – Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony.

Our "Half-Year Annual Report: Looking Back and Moving Forward": ACEH Report,

Dear Readers, your financial support will help us publish "In the Community" next year, provide various kinds of resources, present programs, and--we hope--host our two diverse community gatherings that create connections and friendships in West Michigan. Will you join us as a first-time member? We'll warmly welcome you! If you've been a member in the past, will you consider renewing with ACEH? We would greatly appreciate it.

Dues are \$20 (\$35 for 2 years) for an individual; \$30 (\$50 for two years) for a couple or family; \$40 for a nonprofit group, and \$75 for a business. ACEH is a 501(c)3 organization. Please go to www.harmonyalliance.org and click on Membership.

## **Events**

**TODAY, Feb 17, 2 pm: LEDA Conversations with Visionaries & Allies:** Gloria Lara ,LEDA executive director, and Feliciano Paredes, founder/CEO of AgHelp Inc., a mobile app connecting agricultural workers and employers. Livestreamed on Facebook Live and YouTube Live.

TODAY through Feb 28. Free livestream of award-winning documentary "River City Drumbeat," story of an African American drum corps in Louisville, KY, connecting youth with art and cultural traditions of their African ancestors; a youth whose destiny was shaped by the drumline takes up the mantle for the next generation; film "follows mentors, parents, and youth making their way in a world where systemic forces raise obstacles to following their dreams." Sponsored by Holland Human Relations Commission. Register here for the link to stream the film.

Sun, Feb 21, 4 pm to 5:30 pm: "Exploring Vaccine Skepticism in the Black Community." Second in the ACEH virtual series on "Racial Disparities in Health Care--Digging Deeper." Panelists are three African American health care and science professionals "who will discuss historical and current reasons Blacks may be hesitant to receive COVID-19 vaccines and who will provide reliable information so people can make their own decisions." Moderator is Viola Jackson-Cleveland. Hosted by ACEH in partnership with the Holland Museum. Registration information at www.harmonyalliance.org

**Mon, Feb 22, 6:30 pm: "Racism and the Justice System."** First of a three-part (Anti) Racism Town Hall discussion series, starting with the history of mass incarceration and the school-to-prison pipeline. Hosted by the Momentum Center, Grand Haven. <u>Click here to Register</u>

Tues, Feb 25 - Sat, Feb 27: Exhibit: "Black Heroes and History: Student Selections from the KAM Collection." Pop-up exhibit created by Black Student Union at Hope College with the Kruizenga Art Museum. Admission is free. Masks and social distancing required; groups of more than 6 should contact museum. <a href="https://hope.edu/arts/kam/index.html">https://hope.edu/arts/kam/index.html</a> The museum is at 271 College Ave, Holland.

Fri, Feb 26, 2 pm: "Light for the World to See: A Conversation with Kwame Alexander, poet, educator, and award-winning author, "brings attention to the experiences of Black lives in America through his writings, in verse, which have been called 'a rap session on race." His newest book is "Light for the World to See: A Thousand Words on Race and Hope." His virtual visit to Hope College in conjunction with Black History Month is hosted by NEA Big Read Lakeshore, Black Student Union, Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series, and others. Here's the link to register.

Mon, March 1, 10 am - 11:30 am: Solidarities: White Women and Women of Color's Activism to Secure the Vote. Part of 12th annual Local History Roundtable: Leading the Charge for Change; virtual event hosted by the Kutsche Office of Local History, Brooks College, GVSU. The Nineteenth Amendment ostensibly provided women the right to vote, but Black, Indigenous, women of color remained disenfranchised. Presentation will place women's suffrage in conversation with the broader movement toward civil rights for BIPOC. Presenters are nationally recognized scholars Liette Gidlow and Allison Lange together with Sophia Brewer and Jo Ellyn Clarey from the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council. Register here.

# Links to Anti-Racism, Race & Ethnicity Resources

Herrick Library links for Black History Month: Every month Herrick Library (300 South River Ave, Holland) shares its recommendations on various topics through book displays in the library. This month's Main Library displays focus around The Black Family in America, in honor of Black History Month. Additional titles are in the children's area on the second floor. These links offer more information:

The Black Family in Nonfiction
The Black Family in Movies and Television
The Black Family in Fiction.

Comprehensive list of resources from the Hope College Center for Diversity and Inclusion: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/ANTIRACISMRESOURCES">bit.ly/ANTIRACISMRESOURCES</a>

28 ways to celebrate Black History Month, from the NAACP: Here's the link.

Racial & ethnic gaps in U.S. persist on 8 key demographic indicators (click on each box in the study) Click here for Pew Research study.

White & Black Americans far apart on racial issues. Polling from August 2020

The \$16-billion cost of racism in the U.S. Click here for the link.

White parents of Black children: a call to action. Here's the link.

13 microaggressions Black people deal with all the time: Click here for the link.

"What, me racist?" Your intentions are not the point: Tim Wise. Click here

Learning to stop performing anti-racism and begin living it. Click here for the link.

"Not racist" is not enough: Putting in the work to be anti-racist. Click here for the link.

White allyship: Are you doing it wrong, or right? Click here for the link.

Organizational racism: why unconscious bias training won't fix it. Click here for the link.

White people and workplace diversity training. Click here for the link.

158 articles, videos, podcasts, and websites for understanding systemic racism, compiled by the Smithsonian Institution: Click here for link to Smithsonian resources.

Latinx stories for young readers: Click here for the link

Someone's telling a racist "joke"; what will you do? <a href="https://www.upworthy.com/white-person-shares-two-lessons-from-stopping-a-racist-joke">https://www.upworthy.com/white-person-shares-two-lessons-from-stopping-a-racist-joke</a>

Things that white people say that highlight their white privilege: Click here for the link.

Series of YouTube videos "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man" hosted by Emmanuel Acho, who discusses race with various guests and answers viewer questions. Here's the link.

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia: Take a virtual tour of collections and resources in this outstanding museum, located in Big Rapids, MI at Ferris State University. www.ferris.edu/jimcrow

# Information, Help with Evictions/Foreclosures

https://www.goodsamministries.com/wp-content/uploads/EDP-Tenant-Application.pdf https://www.communityactionhouse.org/foreclosure-intervention https://www.cityofholland.com/249/Tenant-Landlord-Fair-Housing-Information

## **County and Local Pandemic Links and Resources**

West Michigan: FAQ re vaccines & availability. Click here for the link.

Click for more information about COVID-19 and Ottawa County's Response.

Click here for the link. Daily updates from Ottawa Co. Dept of Public Health; links to info about cases; resources for issues, including domestic violence. In English and in español.

Locations to find food: Click here for the link.

**Mental Health Resources and Support**: Organizations providing behavioral health services during the COVID-19 pandemic throughout Ottawa Co. Visit miottawa.org/cmh:

#### State Health Data, Governor's Info

Cornovirus dashboard: cases, deaths, maps. Click here for the link.

Governor's executive orders: https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499\_90705---,00.html

https://www.bridgemi.com/michigan-health-watch/coronavirus-tracker-what-michigan-needs-know-now Links to where families can get food, cash, internet; coronavirus Q&A; unemployment benefits; testing for coronavirus; where kids can get meals.

For additional **help locating food, housing, childcare,** and other community services, call 2-1-1 at (844) 587-2485 or visit <a href="https://www.mi211.org">www.mi211.org</a>.

If you are feeling anxious or looking for **mental health and wellness resources**, visit <a href="www.Michigan.gov/StayWell">www.Michigan.gov/StayWell</a> for hotlines, texting resources, and mindfulness tools.

The state's response and community mitigation strategies: www.michigan.gov/coronavirus

#### **National**

The COVID-19 global outbreak situation at www.cdc.gov/COVID19

#### Jobs

West Michigan Works! https://jobs.westmiworks.org/weekly-hot-jobs/

Pure Michigan Talent Connect: https://www.mitalent.org/find-a-job

Holland Sentinel employment ads: www.hollandsentinel.jobs

Michigan Works! https://jobs.westmiworks.org/weekly-hot-jobs/ info@westmichiganworks.org

Workforce Employment Specialists: Virtual hiring events: www.teamworkforce.com or (616) 396-3700.

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holland: <a href="https://bgch.org/">https://bgch.org/</a> Click on About and the various Staff buttons, then "We're Hiring." Resource development director. Teen Program Assistant, part-time. Junior Room Coordinator, Junior Room Program Assistant, Elementary Program Coordinator, Health & PE Coordinator, Elementary Program Assistant, Youth Development Professional Sub..

<u>Community Action House:</u> <a href="http://www.communityactionhouse.com/jobs">http://www.communityactionhouse.com/jobs</a> Program director to join strategic leadership team. Coordinator of volunteers. Outreach specialist, part-time. Food access associate. Resale logistics. Outreach specialist AmeriCorps member, full time. Food rescue logistics driver. Sunday morning help in Community Kitchen.

Evergreen Commons: Data systems coordinator. Director of development. Use this link and click on Careers

<u>Global Battery Solutions:</u> Entry-level position, supporting office and shipping/receiving. Send email to khunter@globalbatterysolutions.com

<u>Good Samaritan Ministries: https://www.goodsamministries.com/get-involved/jobs/</u> Housing resource navigator. Housing case manager. Eviction response specialist. Front desk receptionist, bilingual (English/Spanish).

<u>Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce:</u> <a href="https://www.grandrapids.org/your-chamber/join-our-team/">https://www.grandrapids.org/your-chamber/join-our-team/</a> Inclusion program manager.

<u>City of Grand Rapids:</u> <a href="https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Jobs">https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Jobs</a> Public information officer. Public service director. Emergency communications director. Assistant water systems manager. Library assistant (South Region), part-time. Library office assistant. Journeyman line worker (electrician).

Grand Rapids Public Schools. Click here for the link. Art teacher, shared-time program. Other job openings.

Grand Valley State University: <a href="https://www.gvsu.edu/jobs.htm">https://www.gvsu.edu/jobs.htm</a> Associate vice-president, Human Resources and Chief Human Resources Officer. Employee Ombuds Officer. IT services technician. Recruiter, Adult and Continuing Studies. Farm manager/educator for Office of Sustainability Practices. Custodian.

Haworth: https://www.haworth.com/na/en/careers.html Benefit analyst II. Other job openings.

<u>Herman Miller:</u> <a href="https://www.hermanmiller.com/careers/">https://www.hermanmiller.com/careers/</a> Web producer. Customer engagement specialist - eCommerce. CMF design director. Marketing specialist - Ancillary/Lifestyle. Group product manager.

Herrick District Library: https://herrickdl.org/content/jobs-hdl

<u>Hispanic Center of Western Michigan:</u> <a href="https://hispanic-center.org/">https://hispanic-center.org/</a> Community outreach specialist.

<u>Holland Charter Township:</u> www.hct.holland.mi.us Clerk's assistant/public information coordinator, (20-24 hrs/wk). Treasurer/assessor assistant, full-time.

<u>City of Holland:</u> https://mi-holland.civicplushrms.com/careers/Jobs.aspx Seasonal: summer road crew. Housing inspector I. Mowing crew leader. Mowing crew member. Sustainability manager. Police desk assistant, 3rd shift. Parks general maintenance, seasonal, full time and part-time positions. Horticultural internship. Building inspector, part-time. On-call firefighter. Softball coordinator, part-time. Sports complex operations internships, weekend. Recreation internship. School crossing guard. Police officer. Recreation assistant. Wrestling instructor, part-time. Youth basketball instructor, part-time. Mechanic assistant. Building inspector, part-time. Plumbing and mechanical inspector, full time. Recreation supervisor. Video internship, part-time, paid. Custodian/maintenance for Holland Police Dept, part-time. Police officer. Reserve police officer, part-time. Police cadet. On-call firefighter.

Holland Hospital: www.hollandhospital.org Diabetes care & education specialist.

Holland Public Schools: https://hollandpublicschools.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx

Holland Township: www.hct.holland.mi.us

<u>Hope College:</u> <a href="https://hope.edu/jobs/index.html">https://hope.edu/jobs/index.html</a> Staff: Employment coordinator, human resources. Coordinator of student life. Residential life coordinator. Executive director, Children's After-school Achievement (CASA) program. Bookstore--sales specialist/buyer, part-time. Step-Up interim program coordinator. Custodian, full-time. Assistant football coach and equipment supervisor. Creative Dining Services: Front of house supervisor. Cashier for Kletz market, full-time. Production lead. Retail supervisor. Line server. Dishwasher. Faculty: Visiting professor, English. Assistant professor, music. Assistant professor, physics.

<u>Innocademy:</u> <u>https://innocademy.com/careers/</u> Middle-school Spanish language arts teacher, part-time. Middle-school English teacher, part-time. Middle school mentor.

<u>Lakeshore Nonprofit Alliance:</u> http://lakeshorenonprofits.org/programs-and-services/nonprofit-job-postings. Job openings at local nonprofits.

LG Chem: https://lgenergymi.com/ Thirty+ job openings in Holland, including summer internships 2021.

<u>LIFELine Ministries</u>: Information on available restaurant, factory, sales, and office jobs in West Michigan. Contact Pastor Willie J. Watt Jr. at <a href="mailto:williewatt@gmail.com">williewatt@gmail.com</a> or (616) 335-0611.

<u>Meals on Wheels Western Michigan:</u> <a href="https://mealsonwheelswesternmichigan.org/get-involved/employment/">https://mealsonwheelswesternmichigan.org/get-involved/employment/</a> Director of operations. Donor stewardship and events planner. Prep cook. Mobile pantry assistant.

<u>Momentum Center, Grand Haven:</u> <a href="https://www.momentumcentergh.org/careers?blm\_aid=1527810">https://www.momentumcentergh.org/careers?blm\_aid=1527810</a> Just Goods manager. Fund development manager.

Ottawa Area Intermediate School District: https://www.oaisd.org/ Payroll coordinator, full-time, benefits.

Ottawa County: <a href="https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/miottawa">https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/miottawa</a> Parks & Recreation seasonal positions: grounds attendant, maintenance crew worker, park attendant, stewardship case worker, parks supervisor (full-time); parks located in Holland, Grand Haven, Ferrysburg, Spring Lake, West Olive, Jenison, and Casnovia. Appraiser 1. Assistant public defender. Intern: elections.

Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence (formerly Center for Women in Transition): www.resilienceMl.org Click on "About Us" for job information. Men as Allies coordinator.

<u>Saugatuck Center for the Arts:</u> <a href="https://www.sc4a.org/arts-outreach-liaison/">https://www.sc4a.org/arts-outreach-liaison/</a> Arts outreach liaison, part-time; must be bilingual.

<u>Spectrum Health (Zeeland):</u> https://www.spectrumhealth.org/careers

State of Michigan: https://www.indeed.com/q-State-of-Michigan-I-Ottawa-County,-MI-jobs.html

Zeeland Public Schools. https://www.zps.org/employment/

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