



"No social advance rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1958

In the Community, January 19, 2022

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"

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 www.harmonyalliance.org Check us out under Groups on Facebook, at ACEH – Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony.

Renew Your Membership or Become a First-Time Member!

Dear Readers, your financial support will help us publish "In the Community," provide various kinds of resources, present programs, fund college scholarships for high school seniors, and host community gatherings that create connections and friendships in West Michigan.

Has "In the Community" given you a heads-up to attend a local diversity event? Or let you know about a community opportunity or an anti-racism resource? Or provided you with a job lead?

***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 will thank you!***

Dues are \$25 per year (\$40 for 2 years) for an individual; \$35 per year (\$55 for two years) for a couple or family; \$45 for a nonprofit group, and \$80 for a business.

You can renew or join or donate at the ACEH website www.harmonyalliance.org click on Membership and follow the prompts;
 ---or you can send a check to ACEH, c/o Treasurer Al Minert, P. O. Box 3007, Holland, MI 49422;
 ---or you can join/renew at any ACEH program or social event.

(ACEH is a 501c(3) organization; donations may qualify for a tax deduction.)

**A warm welcome to new members Gordon and Ann Heath Wiersma and business member Evoqua Water Technologies.
 Thank you to renewing members Robert and Barbara Selig.**

YOU Are Invited! and Tickets are Available Now.

**The ACEH Heart 2 Heart Community Gathering
 will take place Thursday, February 10, 2022,
 from 5:30 to 9 pm at Midtown Center in Holland.**

**It will be a catered appetizers and desserts event, with a cash bar, music, the popular silent auction, and more!
Funds from the auction help support
The ACEH Scholarship Fund.**

**COVID safety practices will be in place during the event.
Tickets are \$10 per person; sales end February 1 and space is limited.**

**Click here for more information and ticket purchase:
[Register and obtain tickets at this link.](#)**

Major sponsors: City of Holland, Haworth, and Gentex Corporation.

Do you have products or services you could donate to the auction?

**Please contact Al at apminerthm@att.net
or call Ann at (616) 396-2201.**

Events

TONIGHT, Wed, Jan 19, 6 pm: Holland's 2021 Social Justice Awards will be presented by the Human Relations Commission to groups/individuals that "exemplify the virtues of social justice by promoting equal opportunity and equal access for all residents" in Housing, Education, Employment, and Government/Community Relations; there will also be a Youth award and a lifetime achievement award. Reception follows. At Holland City Hall, 270 South River, Holland.

--It will be broadcast live on Holland TV Government Channel on Comcast 26/918 and [Roku: Holland Cable TV](#) An edited video recording will be up on the YouTube page Thursday afternoon. [Here's the link.](#)

Thurs, Jan 20, 7 pm: "Tales from the Archives: The Legend of the Black Dutchman." Free, virtual, adult program by Michael Douma, assistant research professor at Georgetown University with degrees from Florida State Univ and Hope College, He researched this Holland legend from the 1930s about an African American child, a former slave, who was rescued from the South during the Civil War and raised in a Dutch immigrant family in West Michigan. How much of the legend was true and how much was elaborated? Douma "confirms much of the legend and shows that the truth of the matter was even more interesting." [Here's the Eventbrite link to register.](#) A Zoom link will be emailed on Jan.19. Hosted by Holland Museum; donations appreciated.

Mon, Jan 24, 6:30 pm: "Religion and Racism Part 4: Christianity and Native & Indigenous People": A virtual Town Hall Meeting on Race and Racism, by the Momentum Center, (Anti) Racism Risk Force, and GVSU. Presentations by women from the Nottawaseppi Huron Band and the Pokagon Band, both Potawatomi, and the Little Traverse Band. Ottawa, followed by Q&A and community conversation. [Click here to register.](#)

Tues, Jan 25, 6:15 to 7:15 pm (native English speakers); 7:15 to 8:15 pm (native Spanish speakers): Reciprocal Language Partnership (RLP) [required](#) informational meetings for prospective students in RLP winter classes pairing English speakers who want to learn Spanish with Spanish speakers who want to learn English. There is a fee for the classes, which run on Tuesdays from Feb 1 to Apr 26. At Iglesia Alas de Aguila/Eagle's Wings Church, 635 Riley, Holland. Preguntas? Questions? Call Annemieke DeHaan at (616) 738-3850.

Wed, Feb 2, 7 pm to 9:30 pm: Black History Month Film and Panel: Documentary "Coded Bias" focuses on "facial-recognition algorithms that see dark-skinned faces and women inaccurately." Hope faculty panelists will give their reactions to the film and their perspective from their fields of study. Sponsored by the Center for Diversity and Inclusion; Department of Computer Science; Black Student Union; Women's and Gender Studies Program; and Office of Sustainability. Free, open to the public. At Knickerbocker Theatre, 86 East 8th St, Holland. Masks required.

Exhibits

Now through Feb. 26: *Black History Month: Honoring Experience from Past and Present.* Artworks commemorating Black leaders and heroes "who worked to break barriers, challenge the status quo, and bring forth societal reformation." A collaboration of the Hope College Black Student Union and Kruiuzenga Art Museum (KAM). At the museum, 271 Columbia Ave, Holland.

Now through May 21: *Shank's Mare Tokaido: Misadventures Along the Eastern Sea Road:* 60 Japanese woodblock prints by artist Fujikawa Tamenobu depicting places and people along the famous Tokaido Road connecting Tokyo and Kyoto. At Kruiuzenga Art Museum (KAM), 271 Columbia Ave, Holland.

<https://hope.edu/arts/kam>

Community Opportunities

(1) [COVID testing sites in Michigan](#). Here's the link from state government.

(2) [COVID-19 vaccination opportunities in Ottawa County](#) for appointments and/or walk-ins.
<https://vaccinatewestmi.com/events/categories/ottawa-county/>

(3) [Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates](#) in Holland is working with Afghan refugees at its legal clinic. You can help by volunteering and/or by donating needed supplies (health and safety, cleaning, household, recreational). [Here's the link](#).

Links to Anti-Racism, Race & Ethnicity Resources

The Stories for All Project: diverse books and resources for kids and teens. [Here's the link](#).

What teenagers talk about when they talk about race. [Here's the link](#).

Seven personality traits of my favorite White allies. [Here's the link](#).

Study of Michigan State Police finds racial disparities in traffic stops. [Here's the link](#).

Veiled racial statements told to me as a black woman: [Click here for the link](#).

Why black people never throw away their receipts: [Click here for the link](#).

10 reasons white people don't want to talk about racism: [Here's the link](#).

"I don't see you as Black": why skin tone bias is naive at best and dangerous at worst.
[Here's the link](#).

Let's talk about Critical Race Theory: [Here's the link](#).

White privilege and "I don't see color." [Here's the link](#)

I enjoyed having white allies in antiracism while it lasted. [Here's the link](#).

5 things you should know about the Tulsa Race Riot. [Click here for 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](#).

Anti-racism resources to support Asian American and Pacific Islander community: [Here's the link](#).

7 things you should never say to a Native American. [Here's the link](#).

Dear white friends: don't complain to me about the riots. [Here's the link.](#)

"Are you sure it was racism?" [Here's the link.](#)

A conservative columnist supports reparations. [Here's the link.](#)

"How does a black person know if a white person is racist?" [Click here for the link.](#)

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia: Take a virtual tour of this outstanding museum, located in Big Rapids, MI at Ferris State University. It holds the largest public collection of artifacts "spanning the segregation era, from Reconstruction through the civil rights movement." www.ferris.edu/jimcrow (The museum is planning an \$18.5 million expansion, with a new exhibition space to be completed in 2024.)

[Help with Evictions/Foreclosures/Buying a Home](#)

<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>

State-funded program may lower down payment, closing costs for some local homebuyers:
[Click here for the link.](#)

[County and Local Pandemic Links and Resources](#)

Updates, scheduling, other information for Ottawa County: www.miOttawa.org/covid19

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](#)

Cornovirus dashboard: cases, deaths, maps. [Click here for the link.](#)

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://www.westmiworks.org/> <https://jobs.westmiworks.org/weekly-hot-jobs/>
info@westmichiganworks.org

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

Holland Sentinel employment ads: www.hollandsentinel.jobs

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

LIFELine Ministries: Information on available restaurant, factory, sales, and office jobs in West Michigan. Contact Pastor Willie J. Watt Jr. at williewatt@gmail.com or (616) 335-061

70x7 Life Recovery: Coaching, mentoring, and job placement for persons with past criminal and addiction behaviors. "Invest a week in your life and gain freedom with 70x7 Life Recovery. We can help. Call us at this number: (616) 796-0685."

Arbor Circle: <https://arborcircle.org/employment/> Positions available in Kent, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Ottawa counties. Many openings for master's-level therapists. Bachelor's-level foster care case managers and licenser, prevention coordinator, prevention specialist. Supervisory positions. Direct care positions that do not require a degree. Administrative positions.

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holland: <https://bgch.org/> Youth development program coordinator, part-time. Youth services coordinator, full-time w/ benefits. Education coordinator, full-time w/ benefits, fluency in Spanish preferred, ability to read Spanish at elementary level is required; bachelor's degree. Club transportation specialist, part-time, after school. Club handyman, part-time.

Children's Advocacy Center: Crisis counselor, full-time (must have LMSW or LLMSW or equivalent). Internships.. [Click here for link to CAC openings.](#)

Community Action House: <http://www.communityactionhouse.com/jobs> Kitchen program coordinator. Director, Advancement & Strategic Partnerships. Data, learning, and impact specialist. Retail thrift lead, full-time. Staffing reserve associate. Food access associate.

Disability Network/Lakeshore: <https://www.dnlakeshore.org/youth-transition-specialist/> Youth transition specialist.

Downtown Market Grand Rapids: <http://downtownmarketgr.com/> Director of sales and events. Administrative coordinator, part-time. Leasing and tenant relations manager, full-time. Facilities manager, second shift.. Janitor/custodian, nights and weekends. Other openings in Market Hall businesses.

ESCAPE Ministries: <https://escape-out.org/employment/> Education director.

Evergreen Commons: [Use this link and click on Careers](#) President/CEO. Human resource specialist, part-time.

Evoqua: www.evoqua.com/careers Water purification company in Holland hiring fabricators, machine builders and operators, assemblers, buyers, demand planners, electrical builders, welders, and more. Technical writer.

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

Good Samaritan Ministries: <https://www.goodsamministries.com/get-involved/jobs/> Housing assessment specialist. Housing care manager. Eviction response specialist. Director of development and communication, full-time. Circles youth coordinator. Director of property management. Housing search & information specialist AmeriCorps member.

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

City of Grand Rapids: <https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Jobs> Library assistant (adult services).

Grand Valley State University: <https://www.gvsu.edu/jobs.htm> Program specialist, Laker Educational Opportunity Center. Senior director of development services. Major gifts officer. Digital marketing associate.

Haworth: <https://www.haworth.com/na/en/careers.html>

Herman Miller: <https://www.hermanmiller.com/careers/>

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

Hispanic Center of Western Michigan: <https://hispanic-center.org/>

Holland Charter Township: www.hct.holland.mi.us Entry-level maintenance assistant, full-time.

City of Holland: <https://mi-holland.civicplushrms.com/careers/Jobs.aspx> Market manager. Summer engineering internship. Grant manager, working with city and Holland Board of Public Works departments. Youth basketball instructor, part-time. Heavy equipment operator. Police desk assistant, part-time. Mechanic assistant. Youth wrestling instructor, part-time. Television production intern, average of 20 hrs/wk; paid.

Holland Hospital: www.hollandhospital.org Communications coordinator. Social media recruitment coordinator. Medical social worker. MRI technologist. Behavioral health therapists. Security officer, part-time. Charge coding analyst.

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

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

Hope College: <https://hope.edu/jobs/index.html> Dean for Social Sciences. Dean of Students. Director of counseling and psychological services. HASP office and project manager, part-time. Engagement officer for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Borgeson Artist in Residence (summer). Campus Safety: Dispatcher, full-time. Upward Bound: SAT instructor, temporary. Upward Bound, van driver, part-time.

InterCare Community Health Network: <https://intercare.org/careers/search-jobs/> Bilingual medical assistant, Holland. Caseworker, Pullman. Physician. Front office specialist. WIC technician, full-time. WIC dietician. Full-time interpreter (Spanish/English). Care coordinator.

Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity: <https://www.lakeshorehabitat.org/join-our-team> Communications coordinator. Development coordinator.

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

Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP): www.laup.org Programs director, full-time. Admin/navigator, full-time. Send resumes to info@laup.org

Legal Aid of Western Michigan: <https://lawestmi.org/careers/> Staff attorney (positions in Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Grand Rapids). Summer and semester internships.

Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates: <http://lia-michigan.org/get-involved/careers/>

Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC) <https://michiganimmigrant.org/employment-internships-and-volunteering> Intake Coordinator (Ypsilanti). Supervising Attorney- Unaccompanied Children's team. Legal Assistant. Data Coordinator. Staff Attorney for Immigrant Children.

MOKA Corporation: <https://www.moka.org/> Home supervisor. Assistant home supervisor. Full-time and part-time openings in specialized residential, community supports, specialized skill building, and ABA treatment for autism in West Michigan, including Muskegon, Ottawa, Kent, and Allegan counties.

Momentum Center: <https://www.momentumcentergh.org/> Click on "Get Involved" and then "Open Positions" for more information. Program coordinator.

Muskegon Community College: [Here's the link for information.](#) Admissions representative, full-time. Workforce program coordinator, full-time. Irrigation technician, full-time.

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

Ottawa County: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/miottawa> Circuit and probate court opportunities: Court administrator. Research attorney. Community probation manager. Probate clerk. Youth specialist, juvenile

detention. Social worker. Health educator case investigator (COVID), full-time, temporary. Health educator, part-time. Probation specialist. Many other job openings.

Out On The Lakeshore: <https://outonthelakeshore.org/get-involved/job-opportunities/> Administrative assistant, part-time.

Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence (formerly Center for Women in Transition).
<https://resiliencemi.org/job-opportunities/>

Spectrum Health): <https://www.spectrumhealth.org/career> Click on Careers and then COVID-19 Clinic Support

State of Michigan: <https://www.indeed.com/q-State-of-Michigan-l-Ottawa-County,-MI-jobs.html> **Migrant program worker, Grand Rapids. Secretary 9, Grand Rapids.**

United Way of Greater Ottawa County: <https://www.ottawaunitedway.org/employment> Data entry specialist.

West Ottawa Public Schools: <https://www.westottawa.net/careers/>

WOOD-TV: www.woodtv.com/careers Bilingual multi-media journalist. Sports anchor/reporter. Morning news reporter.

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

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