



In the Community, December 23, 2020

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.

Our "Half-Year Annual Report: Looking Back and Moving Forward" can be found here: [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.

Welcome and thank you our new member organization: [The Ottawa County Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion!](#)

Events

Thurs, Dec 24, 10 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm: Afro-Centric Black Nativity and Black Santa presentation at Maple Avenue Ministries, 427 Maple Ave, Holland.. "Black Santa will lead you/your family to the real reason for the season." Pictures encouraged; donations welcome. Space is limited so RSVP is required. **Space is limited, and reservations are required.** [Click here to reserve your time.](#)

Sat, Dec 26, 6 pm - Fri, Jan 1, 2021, 6 pm: Citywide Virtual Kwanzaa Celebration, daily at 6 pm. Hosted by Grand Rapids African American Museum and Archives (GRAAMA), Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and two others. Coming together to observe Kwanzaa by lighting candles, discussing that day's principle from the Nguzo Saba, and celebrating as a community. <https://www.facebook.com/events/395175268222451> **Check each day for the Zoom link on the GRAAMA Facebook page.**

12-26-20: Umoja (unity): George Bayard: Grand Rapids African American Museum & Archives

12-27-20: Kujichagulia (self-determination): Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta INC

12-28-20: Ujima (collective work, responsibility): Taalib El Amin, African Kingdoms Federation & The Diaspora

12-29-20: Ujamaa (cooperative economics): Ned Andree

12-30-20: Nia (purpose): Paula Guy: R3 Station

12-31-20: Kuumba (creativity): Jewellyne Richardson

01-01-21: Imani (faith): Sheena Brown, entrepreneur/educator:
After, all eat their own Karamu Feast on Zoom Together

Mon, Dec 28, 6:30 pm to 8 pm: Town Hall Meetings on Race and Racism: "Racism and the Educational System," Part 1: Panelists Calvin Terrell, founder/director, Social Centric Institute, and Rebecca Bush, OAISD curriculum consultant, followed by Q&A period and Community Conversation. Presented by (Anti) Racism Task Force; hosted by Momentum Center. Questions? Contact Barbara@MomentumCenterCH.org. [Click here to Register \(required\)](#).

Fri, Jan 1 - Thurs, Jan 14, 2021: Live-streamed documentary, "Pad Yatra: A Green Odyssey." Part of the Holland International Relations Commission's Reel Time series, film "weaves ancient Buddhist spiritual traditions, global environmentalism, and Tibetan and Himalayan culture, as 700 people trek across the Himalayas with a call to save the planet's '3rd Pole,' a glacial region devastated by the climate chaos associated with global warming." Running time 70 minutes. [Here's the link to sign up.](#)
A **wrap-up discussion Q&A** with filmmaker Wendy J.N. Lee is scheduled for **Mon, Jan. 11 at 7 pm.**

SAVE THE DATE: Sun, Jan 17, 2021, 3 pm to 6 pm: Virtual Community Forum. "Racism as a Public Health Crisis: Let's Talk About It." Outstanding panelists and people attending will discuss impact of racism in four sectors, concluding with **The Way Forward** toward proposed solutions. Included will be sessions on **Inequities in Elder Care; Disparities in Childbirth; Mental Health: Race Matters; and Healing Our Youth.** Presented by the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony (ACEH) in collaboration with the 1Cor13Project and in partnership with the Holland Museum's Cultural Lens series. To honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the event will include music by the Maple Avenue Ministries ensemble and a recitation of Dr. King's words on health and racism. Registration required; a link will be provide in the next In the Community.

Community Opportunities

(1) Good Sam Seeks Allies for Circles Program: Are you interested in doing something that will make a real difference, both for yourself and someone else? **Good Samaritan Ministries' Circles program** is based on transformational friendships that cross social boundaries and create space for individuals to pursue their goals. Without supportive, empowering relationships, it's difficult for people to make profound life changes. **Circles** matches program participants who are walking the path from surviving to thriving (called Leaders), with encouraging community members (called Allies). Each pair—one Leader and one Ally—meets weekly for 18 months for about two hours per week. (Because of social distancing guidelines, **Circles** currently uses a hybrid virtual/in-person model.) Right now, Good Sam needs **20 new Allies** to begin training by February 2021 so that we can start a new **Circles** class.

If you're interested in forming a new relationship to help someone navigate toward their goals of financial stability and relational wellness, please reach out to Julie at JMales@GoodSamaritanMinistries.com or 616-392-7179 x103 to learn more about becoming an Ally. She'll be glad to answer your questions, tell you about the value of **Circles**, and give you information on the training.

(2) Technology Donations Needed: Fennville Public School students trying to learn online at home due to COVID-19 closures need devices to work with, and a community group is coordinating an effort to collect these for the students. You can help! Donate your old laptop, tablet, hotspot, headphone, and power cords. Drop off at Maple Avenue Ministries or Love Inc. Volunteers will wipe them clean and pass them out to students. Contacts:

kimludwig@live.com or Kim at 616-240-0709

cindy@loveincnwa.org or call Cindy at 269-751-2533.

Love Inc, 4621 135th Ave, Hamilton: Mon- Fri: 9 am - 3 pm

Love Inc, 943 56th St, Pullman: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9 am - 2 pm Wed, Fri: 9 am - 3:30 pm

Maple Avenue Ministries 427 Maple Avenue, Holland: Tues, Wed, Thurs. 9am - 12:30 pm

Links to Anti-Racism Resources

15 anti-racist books with Michigan connections: [Click here for the link](#)

Racism 101: White privilege. [Click here for the link.](#)

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

How your white privilege will ruin the movement: [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.](#)

Two powerful reasons racism is worse than classism: [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.](#)

America's Interwoven Histories: The shared history of African Americans and Indigenous Americans is rarely taught. [Link to magazine article](#)

The \$16-billion cost of racism in the U.S. [Click here for the link.](#)

100 race-conscious things to say to your child to advance racial justice. [Click here for the link.](#)

A guide to raising anti-racist kids. [Click here for the link.](#)

Black movies for kids. [Click here for the link.](#)

Latinx stories for young readers: [Click here for the link](#)

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

Check your privilege: classic list by Peggy McIntosh:
<https://projecthumanities.asu.edu/content/white-privilege-checklist>

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 or answers viewer questions. [Here's the link.](#)

13 microaggressions Black people deal with all the time: [Click here for the link.](#)

The Anti-Racist Starter Pack: 40 TV series, documentaries, movies, TED talks, and books:
[Click here for 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 www.mi211.org.

If you are feeling anxious or looking for **mental health and wellness resources**, visit www.Michigan.gov/StayWell 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: <https://bgch.org/> Click on About and the various Staff buttons, then "We're Hiring." Resource development director. Junior Room Coordinator, Elementary Program Coordinator, Health & PE Coordinator, Teen Program Assistant, Elementary Program Assistant, Youth Development Professional Sub..

Community Action House: <http://www.communityactionhouse.com/jobs> 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.

Good Samaritan Ministries: <https://www.goodsamministries.com/get-involved/jobs/>

Grand Haven Community Foundation <https://ghacf.org/careers/> Grants & program associate, full-time, hourly.

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> 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: <https://www.gvsu.edu/jobs.htm> IT services technician. Recruiter, Adult and Continuing Studies. Farm manager/educator for Office of Sustainability Practices. Custodian.
Greater Ottawa United Way: <https://www.ottawaunitedway.org/employment>

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

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

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

City of Holland: <https://mi-holland.civicplushrms.com/careers/Jobs.aspx> Recreation assistant. Police officer. Building inspector, part-time. 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

Holland Museum: www.hollandmuseum.org Education & Community Programs Manager, full-time.

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> Admissions--Hope Corps, hourly, temporary. Assistant football coach and equipment supervisor. Assistant professor of social work.

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

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

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

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) 335-0611.

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

MOKA: <https://moka.org/> Residential support/direct support professionals, full- and part-time, all shifts, flexible schedules to assist persons with disabilities.

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

Ottawa County: <http://www.miottawa.org/careers>.

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

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

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

Zeeland Public Schools: <https://www.zps.org/employment/> Network manager, full-time (design, development, documentation, implementation/testing and modification of all network infrastructure for the district).

The ACEH Board: *C.J. Kingdom-Grier, Viola Jackson, Annette Manwell, Al Minert, H Bin Lim, Kim Lillibridge, Natalie Martinez, Lori Joseph Shaw.*

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