

PEACE CIRCLES

A Ministerial Approach to Create Spaces for Hope and Healing



Peace circles are a pastoral tool that allows people to share their joys, challenges, fears, and hopes in a safe and sacred space. Participants sit in a circle and share their collective wisdom and truth through storytelling and reflection using an intentional, facilitated process. Peace circles are designed so that all voices are heard and all people in their diversity are welcomed. From a Christian perspective, peace circles offer a path to reconciliation and are about fostering peace with God, with others, and with the larger society. A tool that has its roots in indigenous traditions, peace circles have been utilized throughout the world to build community, discern important decisions, and formulate creative solutions to repairing harm.

During this time of social unrest and anxiety, the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity is offering a series of sessions on Zoom to introduce parish and community leaders to peace circles. Our hope is that communities of faith will benefit from peace circles as an approach to creating spaces where trust, dialogue, and community building can flourish.

Each session will last approximately two hours. Use the links below to choose your preferred session – **note that registration is required to attend.**

Tuesday, June 23	7 – 9 p.m.	Register here
Thursday, June 25	3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Register here
Monday, June 29	7 – 9 p.m.	Register here
Wednesday, July 1	9 – 11 a.m.	Register here
