

## Letter to Participants

Dear Attendee of the Face to Face Workshop Pilot,

We are grateful that you have committed to participate in R.O.C.K. Mat-Su's Face to Face Workshop. Through this workshop we will create a safe space for the exploration and transformation of racism in Mat-Su communities. We are very excited to participate with you as we share this new curriculum developed specifically for our communities and with the deep partnership of local people and organizations.

As you know, this is a critical topic for our community to explore and it touches us all deeply and in very different ways. Please know that we have incorporated into the workshop many different ways for the group to move in to explore racism, and to move out to reflect, restore and process the emotions that may come up.

To help you prepare for the workshop, we request that you take some time to review the following resources. We will be sharing many others at the workshop, but these will provide you a strong foundation for starting this exploration with us.

If you have questions or concerns before we meet, or if you would like any special accommodations at the workshop, please feel free to contact Betsy Smith at [bsmith@rockmatsu.org](mailto:bsmith@rockmatsu.org) or 907-317-1896. We look forward to meeting you soon,

Thea Agnew Bemben and Kameron Perez-Verdia

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### Pre-workshop resources

- White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack, Peggy McIntosh, <https://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/mcintosh.pdf>
- Diversity Training: Good for Business but Insufficient for Social Change, David Rogers, Western States Center, 2001. *See attached*
- Defining Racism Handout, adapted from Western States Center's Dismantling Racism: A Resource Book for Social Change Groups (pages 13 and 38). *See attached*
- Video: Bryan Stevenson, Equal Justice Initiative, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqItywx6Eh4>
- Video: Honor Native Land: A Guide and Call to Acknowledgment, US Department of Arts and Culture, <https://usdac.us/nativeland>