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July 12, 1999

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Opportunities for Action

HOUSING

Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAH)

Mobilizing congregations and people of all faiths to ensure decent safe and affordable housing for everyone in the Twin Cities metropolitan community.

122 West Franklin Avenue, Suite 310

Minneapolis, MN 55404

Contact: Joy Sorensen-Navarre

612-871-8980

Saint Paul Housing Campaign

A broad based coalition for neighborhood development and affordable housing. Members include Saint Paul Tenants Union, Community Stabilization Project, MICAH, Jewish Community Action, SPEAC, and Coalition for the Homeless.

Contact: Bob Walz, 651-646-8805 or Dan Lee, 651-222-5863.

St. Paul Ecumenical Alliance of Congregations (SPEAC)

Faith-based social justice initiatives to address segregation, poverty and urban disparities

Contact: Pamela Twiss

612-333-1255

2720 East 22nd Street

Minneapolis, MN 55406

and **Interfaith Action**

Contact: Jay Schmitt

612-333-1258

Minnesota Housing Partnership

Supporting the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Minnesota through technical assistance, education, and legislative advocacy.

122 West Franklin Avenue, Suite 230

Minneapolis, MN 55404

Contact: Chip Halbach

612-874-0112

Jewish Community Action

Bringing together Jewish people from diverse traditions and perspectives to promote understanding and action about social and economic justice issues in Minnesota.

621 West Lake Street, Room 209

Minneapolis, MN 55408

Contact: Vic Rosenthal

612-822-1442

HOUSING—continued

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

Bringing families and communities in need together with volunteers and resources to build decent, affordable housing.

3001 4th Street SE

Minneapolis, MN 55414

Contact: Julie Gugen or Amy Johnson

612-331-4090, ext. 614

Alliance for Metropolitan Stability

Supports the Inclusionary Housing Initiative which promotes development of housing affordable at a range of incomes and uses innovative building techniques to lower construction costs. Also seeks community support for reduction of regulatory barriers to housing affordability.

Contact: Russ Adams

612-332-4471

Minnesota Fair Housing Center

Dedicated to the elimination of discrimination in housing and enforcement of the Fair Housing Act through fair housing testing, research, education and public policy advocacy on behalf of racial and ethnic minorities, the disabled, and others protected under federal and state human rights laws.

2700 University Ave

Saint Paul, MN 55104

Contact: Larry Winnans or Christy Snow

651-917-8869

Urban Coalition 50/30 Initiative

Promoting and researching home ownership for households of color

Contact: Yusef Mgeni

612-348-8550

2000 by 2000 Initiative

A partnership between Local Initiatives Support Corporation and Saint Paul community development corporations to boost affordable housing in Saint Paul

Contact: Barbara Jeanetta

651-649-1109

EDUCATION

Achievement Plus Initiative

A collaborative partnership of the Wilder Foundation, Saint Paul Public Schools, the City of Saint Paul, the State of Minnesota, several Saint Paul neighborhoods and the East Side YMCA that promotes parent and community involvement in the schools and integrated academic and social support programs and services.

Contact: Mary K. Boyd or Michael Garcia
651-642-4070

Jane Addams School for Democracy's Learning Exchange Circles

Circles help Hmong and Latino immigrants improve language skills, prepare for the citizenship exam, learn about employment rights, and focus on policy action projects

Contact: Shelly Rottenberg
651-690-8786

Saint Paul Ramsey County Children's Initiative

Linking Saint Paul's families and community members to with policy makers directing service delivery to families and children through neighborhood family centers

Contact: Roger Banks
651-917-4891

Minnesota Minority Education Partnership

Improving student achievement among students of color through parent and teacher training and collaborative leadership

Contact: Carlos Mariani-Rosa or Bruce Vandal
612-330-1522

Center for School Change

Improving public education through advocacy and research. Opportunities for volunteers include researching how to improve public education.

Contact: Joe Nathan, 612-625-3506
and **New Twin Cities Charter School Project**
Contact: Nancy Smith, 612-625-75552

Support Our Schools

Supports public education in St. Paul and works for its improvement through developing new leadership, engaging the public in public education, and working with individual public schools to create projects that improve student achievement.

Contact: Roger Barr
651-603-8858

Minnesota Parenting Association

Provides opportunities for parents and those who care about children to develop and express a collective voice. MPA hosted the *Hopes & Dreams, Challenges & Strengths* roundtable discussions.

Contact: Roxy Foster
651-290-4755

RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Institute on Race and Poverty

Researching the relationship between housing, segregation, and educational achievement

Contact: jon powell or Gavin Kearney

612-625-8071

Hate Bias Response Team

An educational and communications network for responding to victims of hate incidents and crimes.

Contact: Saint Paul Department of Human Rights

651-266-8966

National Conference for Community and Justice

Hope in The Cities

An inter-racial and multi-faith coalition of individuals and organizations in government , business, education, and media creating a process of healing through honest conversations on race, reconciliation, and responsibility

Contact: Hector Garcia

641-659-0409

Saint Paul Area Council of Churches

Gateways to Justice

Advocacy and education addressing affordable housing, immigration, and literacy.

Contact: Bob Walz

651-646-8805

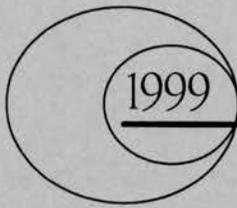
Hamline Midway Alliance for a Prejudice Free Community

A neighborhood group of volunteers targeting prejudice and bigotry in the Hamline

Midway neighborhood in Saint Paul

Contact: Cathy Lue

651-646-1986



1999 CITIES AT WORK COMMUNITY CIRCLE DIALOGUES

EDUCATION AND HOUSING EQUITY PROJECT

Volunteer Opportunities

Check the box if you would like to help with any of the activities below. Be sure to fill out your name, address and phone and mail or fax us your completed form.

- Promotion and publicity
 - Sponsor and participant recruitment
 - Office and meeting coordination
 - Facilitator or scribe training
 - Call to Action forum planning or other special events
 - Other ideas?
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax/e-mail: _____

Please fax or mail to:

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Fax: (651) 642-2088
Wilder Foundation, 919 Lafond Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104

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Fax: (612) 330-1507
EHEP, 2211 Riverside Ave., CB 185
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215 N. 4th Street
Stillwater, MN 55082
(651) 439-2609
Fax: (651) 439-7381

Fax

To Dick Wittke From Margy Mattlin
 Fax _____ Pages 3
 Phone _____ Date 3/10/99
 Re: _____ CC _____

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

Comments:

This letter was mailed to over 50 people in Stillwater area (mainly people who attended hike waters rolling down in Oct). I also contacted all clergy in the area - having lengthy conversations with those I thought most likely to participate. In addition we have made contact with Stillwater schools, Stillwater Human Rights Commission & the Stillwater League of Women Voters. Finally an article appeared in local paper.

COMMUNITY CIRCLE

CONVERSATIONS AT THE CROSSROADS

COMMUNITY CIRCLES WILL CONSIDER QUESTIONS SUCH AS:

- WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT SEGREGATION IN OUR METROPOLITAN AREA?
- HOW CAN WE INCREASE HOUSING CHOICE FOR FAMILIES OF DIVERSE RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS? WHAT ARE WE DOING TO EXPAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY?
- HOW DOES WHERE WE ARE ABLE TO LIVE AFFECT THE LIFE OPPORTUNITIES AND SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR CHILDREN?



COMMUNITY CIRCLES ARE COMPOSED OF 8 TO 15 CITIZENS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO MEETING FIVE TIMES FOR LESS THEN TWO HOURS EACH. EACH CIRCLE IS MODERATED BY AN EXPERIENCED FACILITATOR. A BRIEF DISCUSSION GUIDE TAILORED TO THE TWIN CITIES\METRO.AREA IS ALSO USED TO PROMOTE COMMUNICATION.

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323 NORTH 4TH STREET

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214 NORTH THIRD STREET
STILLWATER, MN • 55082

February 24, 1999

Dear Neighbor:

This is to inform you of an opportunity to come together with others to grapple with the most critical issues shaping the future of our community. A 5-week discussion, Community Circles, will begin in Stillwater on March 15th at 7 p.m. at the Stillwater Library. (Attached flyer gives all the details.)

COMMUNITY CIRCLES: CONVERSATIONS AT THE CROSSROADS

Offers you:

- a chance to deeply listen to other beliefs and experiences
- an opportunity to examine new information and how it squares with your own beliefs and attitudes
- an occasion to meet new people and find common ground for action
- an opportunity to influence policies for the Twin City metropolitan area

Each circle is composed of 8-15 people who are committed to meeting five times for two hours each. An experienced facilitator moderates each circle. A discussion guide tailored to the Twin Cities area will also be used to promote communication. The cost is free.

Participation is limited. Call 430-9222 or 439-2609 ext. 13 to reserve your seat.

I hope you will be able to join your neighbors in these important conversations.

Sincerely,

Rev. Margy Mattlin
Deacon

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SCHEDULE OF CONVERSATIONS AT THE CROSSROADS

AREA	LOCATION	DAY	TIME	DATES	FACILITATOR
St. Paul					
#1	Ramsey Action Programs Bigelow Bldg., 2nd Flr. 450 Syndicate Street St. Paul S - Ramsey Action Programs, Inc. Cont. - Kirk Hayes 651-603-5874	Tuesdays	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23,	Kathy McGrane
#2	Saint Paul Area Council of Churches 1671 Summit Avenue St. Paul Cont. - Bob Walz - 651-646-8805 x19	Mondays	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	3/1, 3/15, 3/29, 4/12, 4/26	Sarah Lagos
#3 #4	J. J. Hill Montessori Magnet School 998 Selby Avenue St. Paul Cont. - Steve Sonnabend - 651-227-3887	Tuesdays Thursdays	7:00 - 9:00 p.m. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	3/16, 3/23, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20 3/18, 3/25, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22	Lee Woolery & Cathy Peterson
#5	University of St. Thomas* 2115 Summit Avenue	Tuesdays	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/11(Th), 3/16, 3/23	Darcy Miner Kate Pepler
#6	O'Shaughnessy Educ. Ctr. St. Paul	Tuesdays	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/11(Th), 3/16, 3/23	
#7 #23	Cont. - Cris Toffolo - 651-962-5724 or 641-1237 <i>David Smith</i>	Thursdays Thursdays	3:25 - 5:00 p.m. Evenings	TBA 3/18 7-8 TBA	<i>Katharine Krueger</i> <i>Mitchell Davis</i>

#24	Black Bear Crossings Coffee House 831 Como Avenue St. Paul S-St. Paul Cos. & E. Metro Women's Consortium (WBL) Cont.- Monica Bryand- 651-310-7385	Mondays	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	3/22, 4/5, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10	<i>Elsa Botica Linda Daves</i>
#34	Cherokee United Methodist Church & Grace UCC Community Church Conts- Rev Tim Johnson 651-227-4275 Rev Oliver White 651-225-8292	TBA	TBA	TBA (may be done as a retreat)	<i>Tim Johnson-co</i>
#35	District 5 - <i>Nelington Hills Library</i> Payne Phalen Community Council Cont. - Chris Veadel - 651-774-5234	TBA <i>Teens</i>	TBA	TBA <i>4/13, 5/4, 11, 18 91</i>	<i>Kate Pappeler Julius Holm</i>
#36	District 5 Teen Council 1014 Payne Avenue St. Paul Cont. - Chris Veadel - 651-774-5234	TBA	TBA	TBA	
#37 <i>John - 22nd St - Veadel - 4-5-99</i>	Frogtown Family Center 839 University Avenue St. Paul S-Frogtown Pluralism Council Cont. - Kristen Kidder - 651-205-4260	Mondays	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	3/29 ^{4/5} , 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/24	<i>Marianne Johnson Chente Vuc</i>
#38	Hamline-Midway Coalition, Alliance for a Prejudice Free Cmty Cont. - Kathy Lue - 651-646-1986	TBA	TBA	TBA	

#39	Lexington-Hamline Cmty Center 1160 Selby Avenue and Merriam Park Library 1831 Marshall Avenue St. Paul S-Lex-Ham Cmty Council & Merriam Park Cmty Council Cont.-Sherilyn Young - 651-224-7308	Tuesdays	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	3/23, 3/30, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27 5/4	Mary Winnett Marilyn McKnight
#40	Ronald A. Hubbs Center 1031 W. University Avenue St. Paul S- Saint Paul Public Schools Cont. - Teri Turner - 651-293-5211	Tuesdays	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4	Chia & Willie, Maria
#41	West Side Family Center Cont-Maria McNamara 651-205-4264	TBA	TBA	TBA /MKT	
#25	Goodwill Center (north entrance) 2543 Como Avenue (at Hwy 280) St. Paul S - Goodwill/Easter Seals Cont. - Diana Huseth - 651-646-2591x178	Mondays	5:15 - 7:15 p.m.	3/22, 3/29, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26	Addi Butica Sally Greenberg
EAST METRO					
#8	White Bear Lake City Hall 4701 Highway 61 White Bear Lake/Mahtomedi S - Project Respect + 6 groups Cont -Cory Vadnais - 651-429-8526 or Trisha Cummins Kaufman - 651-773-8401x11	Combining with Black Bear Crossings (#24)			

#9	Stillwater Public Library 223 N. 4th Street Stillwater S - Ascension Episcopal Church and Stillwater Area Schools Cont - Margie Matlin M-W 651-439-2609 x13, T-F, 651-429-6335	Mondays	7:00 - 8:45 p.m.	3/15, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26	Bill Funari <i>Batica</i>
MINNEAPOLIS					
#10	First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis 900 Mount Curve Avenue Minneapolis Cont - Wendy Yaeger - 612-377-6608	Saturdays	10:00 - 12:00 Noon	<i>Community Circle Cancelled April</i>	<i>Jim Addington will speak on mar 28</i>
#12 #13	St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral 519 Oak Grove Street Minneapolis Cont - Jan Frankman 612-349-9882 or 612-935-5158	Tuesdays	6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23	Jan Frankman Dennie Scott
#14	Ramsey International Fine Arts School One West 49th Street Minneapolis Cont - Julianna James - 612-627-2540 or 612-928-4967	Thursdays	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25	Bill Hannon

#15	Hiawatha YMCA 4100 28th Avenue South Minneapolis S - Hiawatha YMCA & Longfellow-Nokomis Family & Cmty Res. Ctr. Cont - Barbara Jones - 612-729-7397 or Greta Kivens 612-729-7397 or Martha Burton 612-729-9900	Tuesdays	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	3/16, 3/23, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20	Mark McCrea Sheryl Erickson
#30 #31 <i>3500 y Diamond Lake PA</i>	Mayflower Congregational Church Cont.- Charlotte Frantz 612-824-0761	Mondays Mondays	7:00 - 9:00 p.m. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3	<i>Martha Sanbower Becky Sommers</i>
#32	Northside Residents Redevelopment Council Cont. - Nicole Harris 612-335-5924		<i>In planning stages</i>		<i>Low Schoen FR Tina Van Esp FR</i>
#33	Lowry Hill East		<i>In planning stages</i>		
WEST METRO					
#16	Golden Valley City Hall 7800 Golden Valley Road Golden Valley S - G. V. Human Rights Commission Cont - Don Taylor - 612-593-8012 or Hilmer Erickson 612-549-9279	Thursdays	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	3/18, 3/25, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29 <i>These dates are tentative</i>	Kim Greene
#17	Woodale Lutheran Church 4003 Woodale Avenue South St. Louis Park Cont-Rosemary Zippoy-612-920-0529 or 612-332-1336	Thursdays	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25	Jeanne Eddy

#18	Eden Prairie City Hall 8080 Mitchell Road Eden Prairie S - E.P. Human Rights Commission Cont - Gloria Winans - 612-340-7659 or 612-934-4857	<i>Community Circle Cancelled</i>			
SOUTH METRO					
#19	Creekside Community Center** 9801 Penn Avenue South Bloomington S - Bl. Human Rights Commission Cont - Ann Moening - 612-948-3955	Wednesdays	6:00 - 8:30 p.m.	2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24	Ellen Hufschmidt & Elizabeth Campbell
#20	Augsburg Library 7100 Nicollet Avenue South Richfield S - R. Human Rights Commission Cont - Connie McDonald - 612-866-6168	Tuesdays	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23	Susan Mainzer & John Miller
#21	Burnsville City Hall 100 Civic Center Parkway Burnsville S - Partnerships for Tomorrow Cont.-Renita McBride - 612-895-4473	Will focus on land use and neighborhoods/not doing education, housing and race			
#26	City of Apple Valley Cont - Mayor Mary Hamann-Roland - 612-953-2501 or 612-891-4744	TBA	TBA	TBA	

NORTH METRO					
#27	Northwest Hennepin Human Rights Commission Brooklyn Park Cont - Deb Hill - 612-493-2802 x127				
#28	Columbia Heights Public Schools and Chamber of Commerce Cont - Dr. David Rehlw, Supt. - 612-586-4501	TBA	TBA	TBA	
#29	Crystal Community Center 4800 Douglas Drive North Crystal S-Crystal Human Rights Commission Cont.- Tess Moleski-612-531-9267 or Laurie Ann Moore 612-971-0611(h) 612-525-9523(w) or Dianne Bolter 612-537-8002	Thursdays	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29	Cheryl Kartes <i>-ok</i> <i>Elizabeth Campbell -ok</i>

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#3 #4	J. J. Hill Montessori Magnet School 998 Selby Avenue St. Paul	Tuesdays Thursdays	7:00 - 9:00 p.m. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/8	Lee Woolery & Cathy Peterson
#5 #6 #7 #23	University of St. Thomas* 2115 Summit Avenue O'Shaughnessy Educ. Ctr. St. Paul Cont. - Cris Toffolo - 651-962-5724 or 641-1237	Tuesdays Tuesdays Thursdays Thursdays <i>(evenings)</i>	1:30 - 3:30 p.m. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. 3:25 - 5:00 p.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 TBA TBA	Darcy Miner Kate Pepler (not 3/9)

Dick

I put all the
circles from the
Office of Dispute
Resolution in -

I'll integrate
the rest tomorrow
and Monday
Paul

#24	Black Bear Crossings Coffee House 831 Como Ave. St. Paul S - The St. Paul Companies Cont. - Barbara Rose - 651-659-6031	Mondays	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	3/22, 4/5, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10	
EAST METRO					
#8	White Bear Lake City Hall 4701 Highway 61 White Bear Lake S - Project Respect + 6 groups Cont - Cory Vadnais - 651-429-8526 or Trisha Cummins Kaufman - 651-773-8401x11	Mondays	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/29, 4/5	
#9	Stillwater Public Library 223 N. 4th Street Stillwater S - Ascension Episcopal Church and Stillwater Area Schools Cont - Margie Matlin - M-W 651-439- 2609x13, T-F, 651-429-6335	Mondays	7:00 - 8:45 p.m.	3/15, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26	Bill Funari
#25	Goodwill Center (north entrance) 2543 Como Avenue Lauderdale S - Goodwill/Easter Seals Cont. - Diana Huseth - 651-646-2591x178	Mondays	5:15 - 7:15 p.m.	3/22, 4/5, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10	

MINNEAPOLIS					
#11	First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis 900 Mount Curve Avenue Minneapolis Cont - Wendy Yaeger - 612-377-6608	Saturdays	10:00 - 12:00 Noon	2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27	Dennie Scott
#12	St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral 519 Oak Grove Street Minneapolis Cont - Jan Frankman	Tuesdays	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23	Jan Frankman
#14	Ramsey International Fine Arts School One West 49th Street Minneapolis Cont - Julianna James - 612-627-2540 or 612-928-4967	Thursdays	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25	Bill Hannon
#15	Hiawatha YMCA Minneapolis S - Hiawatha YMCA & Roosevelt HS Cont - Barbara Jones - 612-729-7397	Tuesdays	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	3/16, 3/23, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20	Sheryl Erickson
WEST METRO					
#16	Golden Valley City Hall 7800 Golden Valley Road Golden Valley S - G. V. Human Rights Commission Cont - Don Taylor - 612-593-8012	Thursdays	7:00 - 9:00 p.m. <i>Every 2 weeks</i>	3/4, 3/18, 3/25, 4/15, 4/22 <i>Every 2 weeks</i>	Kim Greene

#17	Woodale Lutheran Church 4003 Woodale Avenue South St. Louis Park Cont - Rosemary Zippoy - 612-920-0529 or 612-332-1336	Thursdays	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25	Jeanne Eddy
#18	Eden Prairie City Hall 8080 Mitchell Road Eden Prairie S - E.P. Human Rights Commission Cont - Gloria Winans - 612-340-7659 or 612-934-4857	Wednesdays	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31	Marcy Harris
SOUTH METRO					
#19	Creekside Community Center** 9801 Penn Avenue South Bloomington S - Bl. Human Rights Commission Cont - Ann Moening - 612-948-3955	Wednesdays	6:00 - 8:30 p.m.	2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24	Ellen Hufschmidt & Elizabeth Campbell
#20	Augsburg Library 7100 Nicollet Avenue South Richfield S - R. Human Rights Commission Cont - Connie McDonald - 612-866-6168	Tuesdays	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23	Susan Mainzer & John Miller

#21	Burnsville City Hall 100 Civic Center Parkway Burnsville S - Partnerships for Tomorrow Cont - Renita McBride - 612-895-4473	Will focus on land use and neighborhoods/not doing education, housing and race			
#26	City of Apple Valley Cont - Mayor Mary Hamann-Roland - 612-953-2501 or 612-891-4744				
NORTH METRO					
#27	Northwest Hennepin Human Rights Commission Brooklyn Park Cont - Deb Hill - 612-493-2802 x127				
#28	Columbia Heights Public Schools and Chamber of Commerce Cont - Dr. David Rehlow, Supt. - 612-586-4501				

* Will hold a one-hour informational meeting, Feb. 11, (12 Noon - 1 p.m.) At OEC Room 303

** Child Care, transportation and interpretation services provided (call by February 10 to secure services)

***Child Care available

2/22/99

Conversations at the Crossroads

Schedule of Community Circle Dialogue Meetings

(Please call 612-330-1505, ext. #1 to register for a Circle identified below – please indicate Circle # when calling)

Saint Paul

Ramsey Action Programs, Saint Paul Bigelow Bldg., 2nd Floor, 450 Syndicate St. <i>Contact person - Paul H. French - (651) 645-6445</i>	#1	Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30
Saint Paul Area Council of Churches 1671 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul <i>Contact person -Bob Walz - (651) 646-8805 x19</i>	#2	Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	3/1, 3/15, 3/29, 4/12, 4/26
JJ Hill Montessori Magnet School 998 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul <i>Contact person - Steve Sonnabend - (651) 227-3887</i>	#3 #4	Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25
University of St. Thomas* O'Shaughnessy Educational Center 2115 Summit Ave., Saint Paul <i>Contact person - Cris Toffolo - (651) 962-5724</i>	#5 #6 #7	Tuesdays, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Thursday evenings- time & place TBA	2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

East Metro

White Bear Lake City Hall 4701 Highway 61, White Bear Lake <i>Contact person – Cory Vadnais - (651) 429-8546 or Trisha Cummins Kaufman - (651) 773-8401 x11</i> <i>Sponsors: Project Respect and six partner community-based organizations</i>	#8	Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/29
Stillwater Public Library 223 N. 4 th St., Stillwater <i>Contact person - Margie Matlin - Mon.-Wed. (651) 439-2609, Th. & Fri. (651) 429-6335</i> <i>Sponsors: Ascension Episcopal Church and Stillwater Area Public Schools</i>	#9	Mondays, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.	3/15, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26

Minneapolis

First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis 900 Mount Curve Ave., Minneapolis <i>Contact person - Wendy Yaeger (612) 377-2151</i>	#10 #11	Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon	2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20
St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral 519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis <i>Contact person - Rev. Canon Katherine Lewis - (612) 870-8700 x 38</i>	#12 #13	Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23
Ramsey International Fine Arts School** One West 49th St., Minneapolis <i>Contact person - Juliana James - (612) 627-2540</i>	#14	Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 (Info. Mtg., 2/11, 6:30 – 7 p.m.)
Hiawatha Branch YMCA*** 4100 28 th Avenue South <i>Contact person - Barbara Jones - (612) 729-7397</i>	#15	Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	3/16, 3/23, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20

West Metro

Golden Valley City Hall 7800 Golden Valley Rd., Golden Valley <i>Contact person - Don Taylor - (612) 593-8012</i> <i>Sponsor: Golden Valley Human Rights Commission</i>	#16	Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 3/25, 4/15
Wooddale Lutheran Church 4003 Wooddale Ave. So., St. Louis Park <i>Contact person - Rosemary Zipoy - (612) 920-0529 or (612) 332-1336</i>	#17	Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Eden Prairie City Hall #18 Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31
8080 Mitchell Rd., Eden Prairie
Contact person - Gloria Winans - (612) 340-7659
Sponsors: Eden Prairie Human Rights and Diversity Commission and Eden Prairie School District

South Metro

Creekside Community Center**** #19 Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24
9801 Penn Ave. So., Bloomington
Contact person - Ann E. Moening - (612) 948-3955
Sponsor: Bloomington Human Rights Commission

Augsburg Library***** #20 Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23
7100 Nicollet Ave. So., Richfield
Contact person - Connie McDonald - (612) 866-6168
Sponsor: Richfield Human Rights Commission

*Will hold a one-hour informational meeting, Feb. 11th (12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.) at OEC Room 303

**Will hold a half-hour informational meeting, Feb. 11th (6:30 – 7:00 p.m.) in Room 301

***Interpreter services available (Spanish and Somali)

****Child care, transportation and interpreter services provided (call by February 10 to secure services)

*****Child care available

For further information about the overall project, contact Dick Little or Pam Jewson at the Education & Housing Equity Project at (612) 330-1505. In Saint Paul, contact Barb Rose or Kate Murphy of the Wilder Foundation at (651) 659-6031 or (651) 642-2083.

COMMUNITY CIRCLE

CONVERSATIONS AT THE CROSSROADS

COMMUNITY CIRCLES WILL CONSIDER QUESTIONS SUCH AS:

- WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT SEGREGATION IN OUR METROPOLITAN AREA?
- HOW CAN WE INCREASE HOUSING CHOICE FOR FAMILIES OF DIVERSE RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS? WHAT ARE WE DOING TO EXPAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY?
- HOW DOES WHERE WE ARE ABLE TO LIVE AFFECT THE LIFE OPPORTUNITIES AND SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR CHILDREN?



COMMUNITY CIRCLES ARE COMPOSED OF 8 TO 15 CITIZENS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO MEETING FIVE TIMES FOR LESS THEN TWO HOURS EACH. EACH CIRCLE IS MODERATED BY AN EXPERIENCED FACILITATOR. A BRIEF DISCUSSION GUIDE TAILORED TO THE TWIN CITIES\METRO.AREA IS ALSO USED TO PROMOTE COMMUNICATION.

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KEY PROMOTERS INCLUDE:

- THE EDUCATION AND HOUSING EQUITY PROJECT
- THE METROPOLITAN INTERFAITH COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- THE MINNESOTA MINORITY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP, INC.
- THE LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS
- THE WILDER FOUNDATION (CITIES AT WORK)
- THE SAINT PAUL AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
- THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONALS IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION
- THE MINNESOTA FACILITATORS NETWORK
- THE STUDY CIRCLES RESOURCE CENTER

A COMPARISON OF DIALOGUE AND DEBATE

DIALOGUE IS COLLABORATIVE: TWO OR MORE SIDES WORK TOGETHER TOWARD COMMON UNDERSTANDING.

DEBATE IS OPPOSITIONAL: TWO SIDES OPPOSE EACH OTHER AND ATTEMPT TO PROVE EACH OTHER WRONG.

IN DIALOGUE, FINDING COMMON GROUND IS THE GOAL.

IN DEBATE, WINNING IS THE GOAL.

IN DIALOGUE, ONE LISTENS TO THE OTHER SIDE(S) IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND, FIND MEANING, AND FIND AGREEMENT.

IN DEBATE, ONE LISTENS TO THE OTHER SIDE IN ORDER TO FIND FLAWS AND TO COUNTER ITS ARGUMENTS.

DIALOGUE ENLARGES AND POSSIBLY CHANGES A PARTICIPANT'S POINT OF VIEW.

DEBATE AFFIRMS A PARTICIPANT'S OWN POINT OF VIEW.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT JOY SORENSON NAVARRE WITH MICAH AT (612) 871-8980 OR DICK LITTLE WITH EDUCATION AND HOUSING EQUITY PROJECT AT (612) 330-1505 OR CONTACT US BY FAX (612) 813-4501 OR E-MAIL (JOYSN@MICAH.ORG)

KICK-OFF FORUM
Conversations at the Crossroads
Community Circles Dialogues
On
Education, Housing, Race and Segregation
in the
Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

AGENDA

Thursday, January 21, 1999
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
St. Louis Park City Council Chambers

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| 7:00 | Sign-in and refreshments | |
| 7:10 | Welcome and Introduction of Speaker | Mayor Gail Dorfman – St. Louis Park |
| 7:15 | Brief Introduction to the Community Circle Project | Dick Little – Executive Director,
Education & Housing Equity Project (EHEP) |
| 7:20 | Making the Connection: School Desegregation and Academic Achievement | Dr. Barbara Pulliam - Superinintendentnt –
St. Louis Park Public Schools |
| 7:30 | The Benefits of an Integrated Education and the Connection between Integrated Education and Integrated Communities | Representative Carlos Mariani-Rosa
Executive Director
Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc. |
| 7:40 | Making the Connection: Inclusionary Communities and Regional Stability | Russ Adams - Director
Alliance for Metropolitan Stability |
| 7:50 | Pulling it all Together: The Challenge of Metropolitan Disparities and Regional Segregation | Representative Myron Orfield
EHEP Board of Directors |
| 8:05 | Questions and Discussion | |
| 9:00 | Adjourn | |

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Education & Housing Equity Project

Fax

To: Community Circle Coordinators - see list **From:** Pam Jewson, EHEP

Fax: See below **Pages:** 2

Phone: **Date:** 04/06/99

Re: Revised list of Community Circles **CC:** Sponsors/Barbara Blackstone

Paul H. French	651-645-2253	Ramsey Action Programs
Bob Walz	651-646-6866	St. Paul Area Council of Churches
Steve Sonnabend	651-292-7656	JJ Hill Montessori Magnet
Cris Toffolo	651-962-6360	University of St. Thomas
Trisha Cummins Kaufman	651-773-1492	East Metro Women's Council
Wendy Yeager	612-377-2151	First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis
Katherine Lewis	612-870-7802	St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral
Julianna James	612-627-2468	Ramsey International Fine Arts School
Barbara Jones	612-729-1011	Hiawatha Branch YMCA
Don Taylor	612-593-8109	Golden Valley Human Rights Commission
Rosemary Zippoy	612-332-5972	Wooddale Lutheran Church
Donna Rolland	612-340-7675	Eden Prairie Human Rights Commission
Ann E. Moening	612-948-8715	Bloomington Human Rights Commission
Margie Matlin	612-439-7381	Ascension Episcopal Church

Enclosed is an updated schedule of the Community Circle Dialogues which have been confirmed with our office.



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COMMENTS:

These are the latest versions of the report forms. I'll also send originals by mail today.

If this message is not received in its entirety, please call (651) 642-4060

Community Circle Report Form

Session #1: Getting Started

Sponsoring Organization: _____ Date: _____

Meeting Location: _____ Number of Participants: _____

Facilitator: _____ Scribe: _____

Please describe two or three main themes or ideas about experiences with racism or segregation which your group discussed today: (1-2 sentences each)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. Please use this space to note action ideas, if any, that were mentioned in today's discussion:

Community Circle Report Form

Session #2: What are the reasons for segregation in the Twin Cities?

Sponsoring Organization: _____ *Date:* _____

Meeting Location: _____ *Number of Participants:* _____

Facilitator: _____ *Scribe:* _____

Please describe two or three main themes or ideas about the reasons for segregation in the Twin Cities that your group discussed today: (1-2 sentences each)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. Please use this space to note action ideas, if any, that were mentioned in today's discussion:

Community Circle Report Form

Session #3: How can we address the housing challenges in the Twin Cities?

Sponsoring Organization: _____ Date: _____

Meeting Location: _____ Number of Participants: _____

Facilitator: _____ Scribe: _____

Please describe two or three main themes or ideas about the housing challenges we face in the Twin Cities that your group discussed today: (1-2 sentences each)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. **Please use this space to note action ideas, if any, that were mentioned in today's discussion:**

Community Circle Report Form

Session #4: What can we do about the achievement gap in our public schools?

Sponsoring Organization: _____ *Date:* _____

Meeting Location: _____ *Number of Participants:* _____

Facilitator: _____ *Scribe:* _____

Please describe two or three main themes or ideas about the achievement gap in our schools that your group discussed today: (1-2 sentences each)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. Please use this space to note action ideas, if any, that were mentioned in today's discussion:

Community Circle Report Form

Session # 5: Making a Difference

Sponsoring Organization: _____ Date: _____

Meeting Location: _____ Number of Participants: _____

Facilitator: _____ Scribe: _____

While there may not be consensus within your group about how to best address some of the challenges discussed, there may be ideas or solutions which have emerged over the last few weeks and are supported by most participants.

1. What are two or three of the most powerful steps *individuals* can take to make a difference?

2. What are two or three of the most powerful steps *groups or organizations* can take to make a difference?

(over)

(Session #5 report form continued)

3. What are two or three of the most powerful steps our community or region can take to make a difference?

4. What are some of the things participants said they would do differently in the future as a result of being part of this community circle dialogue?

Conversations at the Crossroads of Education, Housing & Race

What: Conversations are conducted as Community Circle dialogues. Each conversation focuses on the perplexing issues of education, housing, race and segregation in the Twin cities metropolitan area.

Community Circles are composed of 8 to 15 citizens who are committed to meeting five times for two hours each. Each circle is moderated by an experienced facilitator. A discussion guide tailored to the Twin Cities is also used to promote communication.

Approximately 50 community-based conversations are expected to take place at locations throughout the seven county metropolitan area during February, March, and April 1999.

Why: Community Circles offer a vehicle for engaging a broad base of citizens in action-oriented discussions of important issues facing their communities. These multiple conversations help promote more concerted action on finding community-based solutions.

It is imperative that we find effective ways to bridge racial, cultural and economic differences to make our communities better places for everyone to live. Conversations at the Crossroads offer a creative response to this imperative.

Who is leading this important effort:

These solution-focused Conversations are sponsored by local churches, schools, civic and community organizations in the metropolitan area.

Key promoters include:

- The Education and Housing Equity Project
- The Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing
- The Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc.
- The League of Human Rights Commissions
- The Wilder Foundation (Cities at Work)
- The Saint Paul Area Council of Churches
- The Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution
- The Minnesota Facilitators Network
- The Study Circles Resource Center

The lead partner is the Education and Housing Equity Project. Its mission is to promote informed public dialogue about the relationship between school segregation and inequality and the broader issues of housing and community segregation, and about the prospects for building more inclusive communities and opportunities for integrated housing and education in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Since 1996, over 500 citizens have participated in Community Circle conversations addressing the challenges of education and housing segregation. **(CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE)**

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Cost: Conversations are free to circle participants.

When: The conversations will meet during February, March and April 1999. In May, a Citizens Summit will be held with the Minnesota Meeting and Minnesota Public Radio to highlight the results of the Community Circle dialogues. An Action Forum will also be held to connect citizens with action organizations and opportunities to implement recommendations flowing from the Circle conversations.

Where: Over 50 meeting sites in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and suburbs. Public libraries, schools, community centers, park and recreation buildings, police stations, city halls, churches and synagogues are providing meeting places/spaces.

See list of meeting places, dates and times of scheduled conversations on attached list or call 612-330-1505 for further information (press message box #1 to register for a circle).

Contact: Dick Little, EHEP Director
Phone: 612-330-1505
Fax: 612-330-1507
E-mail: ehp@augzburg.edu

ARE THESE TOPICS IMPORTANT TO YOU?
EDUCATION?
HOUSING?
RACE?

Conversations at the Crossroads
of
Education, Housing & Race

WHAT: COMMUNITY CIRCLE DIALOGUES - are conversations focused on solving these perplexing issues: For a long time Minnesotans believed the Twin Cities were immune to the poverty, violence, urban decay, and the racial polarization that have devastated so many other American cities. But sadly our metropolitan area now ranks third among all American cities with people of color who live in poverty (34.7%). It is also one of the ten most racially segregated urban areas in North America. We are also currently facing a serious housing shortage and we are now in the process of changing many of the policies affecting our schools.

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It is imperative that we find effective ways to bridge racial, cultural, and economic differences to make our communities better places for everyone to live. Conversations at the Crossroads offer a creative response to this imperative.

WHERE: Meetings are being organized at J.J. Hill Montessori elementary school.

WHEN: Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 7:00 to 9:00. The Tuesday dates are ~~3/9~~, 3/16, 3/23, 4/6, 4/13. The Thursday dates are ~~3/11~~, 3/18, 3/25, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22. 4/20.

WHO?: *You are invited to join* a Conversation at the Crossroads of Education, Housing and Race. Join a community Circle composed of 8 to 15 people who are committed to meeting five times for two hours each. An experienced facilitator moderates each circle. A discussion guide tailored to the Twin Cities area will also be used to promote communication.

A Conversation at the Crossroads offers you:

- a) A chance to deeply listen to other beliefs and experiences
- b) An opportunity to examine new information and how it squares with your own beliefs and attitudes
- c) An occasion to meet new people and find common ground for action
- d) An opportunity to influence policies for the Twin Cities.

The cost is free. Transportation and Childcare can be arranged. There will be coffee and cookies served.

CONTACT: If interested in participating, please contact Steve or Gail Sonnabend at 651-227-3887. We will send out more information, and set up the circles for the dates above. **There is an alternative day meeting time, Tuesdays - 1:30. Contact Cris E. Toffolo at 651-962-5724 for registration information.

John Hamilton, Director



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Norm Coleman, Mayor

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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

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Date: 3-4-99

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NOTE TO FACSIMILE OPERATOR

Please deliver this facsimile transmission to the above addressee. If you did not receive all the pages in good condition, please advise Steve⁶⁵¹ - 266-6499 (651)-266-6500 at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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 - An opportunity to influence policies for the Twin Cities.

The cost is free, but participation is limited.

- Where:** Golden Valley City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Road
- When:** Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
March 4th, March 18th, March 25th, April 15th, and April 22nd
- To Register:** Call 612-330-1505 (press message box #1) and leave your name, address, phone numbers, fax, and/or e-mail.

The Golden Valley Human Rights Commission is sponsoring this local Community Circle, a program through the Education and Housing Equity Project.

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Community Circle Dialogues
on Education, Housing and Race in the Twin Cities Area
– Open to the Public –

(Please call 612-330-1505, ext. #1 to register for a Circle identified below – please indicate Circle # when calling)

Saint Paul

Bigelow Building., 2nd Floor 450 Syndicate Street, Saint Paul (Midway) <i>Contact person – Kirk Hayes - (651) 603-5874</i> <i>Sponsor - Ramsey Action Programs, Inc.</i>	#1	Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23
Black Bear Crossings Coffee House and Community Circle* 831 Como Avenue, Saint Paul <i>Contact Person – Barb Rose – (651) 659-6031</i> <i>Sponsor – The Saint Paul Companies</i>	#24	Mondays, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	3/22, 4/5, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10
JJ Hill Montessori Magnet School 998 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul <i>Contact person - Steve Sonnabend - (651) 227-3887</i>	#3 #4	Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 4/6, 4/13 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/8, 4/15
Saint Paul Area Council of Churches 1671 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul <i>Contact person - Bob Walz - (651) 646-8805 x19</i>	#2	Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	3/1, 3/15, 3/29, 4/12, 4/26
University of St. Thomas O'Shaughnessy Educational Center (OEC) 2115 Summit Ave., Saint Paul <i>Contact person - Cris Toffolo - (651) 962-5724</i> <i>or 641-1237</i>	#5 #6 #7 #23	Tuesdays, 1:30 – 3:10 p.m. (209) Tuesdays, 1:30 – 3:10 p.m. (432) Thursdays, 3:25 – 5:00 p.m. (208) Thursday evenings- Time & place to be announced	2/23, 3/2, 3/11 (Thurs.), 3/16, 3/23 2/23, 3/2, 3/11 (Thurs.), 3/16, 3/23 Dates to be announced Dates to be announced
<u>East Metro</u> Goodwill Center (north entrance)** 2543 Como Avenue, Lauderdale <i>Contact Person – Diana Huseth – (651) 646-2591 x178</i> <i>Sponsor – Goodwill/Easter Seals</i>	#25	Mondays, 5:15 – 7:15 p.m.	3/22, 4/5, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10
White Bear Lake/ Motahmedi <i>Contact person – Trisha Cummins Kaufman - (651) 773-8401 x11</i> <i>Sponsors – East Metro Women's Council, Project Respect and four other partnering community-based organizations</i>	#8	This circle will be paired with the Black Bear Crossings Circle (#24)	
Stillwater Public Library 223 N. 4 th St., Stillwater <i>Contact person - Margie Matlin - Mon.-Wed. (651) 439-2609 (x13), Th. & Fri. (651) 429-6335</i> <i>Sponsors – Ascension Episcopal Church and Stillwater Area Public Schools</i>	#9	Mondays, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.	3/15, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26
<u>Minneapolis</u> First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis 900 Mount Curve Ave., Minneapolis <i>Contact person - Wendy Yaeger – (612) 377-6608</i>	#10	Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon	2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27
St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral 519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis <i>Contact person – Jan Frankman - (612) 349-9882 or (612) 935-5158</i>	#12	Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23
Ramsey International Fine Arts School One West 49th St., Minneapolis <i>Contact person - Juliana James - (612) 627-2540 or (612) 928-4967</i>	#14	Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Hiawatha Branch YMCA*** #15 Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. 3/16, 3/23, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20
 4100 28th Avenue South
Contact person - Barbara Jones - (612) 729-7397
Sponsors – Hiawatha YMCA and Roosevelt High School

Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association In planning stages

Northside Residents Redevelopment Council In planning stages
Contact person – Nicole Harris – (612) 335-5924

West Metro

Golden Valley City Hall #16 Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. 3/4, 3/18, 3/25, 4/15, 4/22
 7800 Golden Valley Rd., Golden Valley
Contact person - Don Taylor - (612) 593-8012 or Hilmer Erickson – (612) 540-0279
Sponsor – Golden Valley Human Rights Commission

Wooddale Lutheran Church #17 Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25
 4003 Wooddale Ave. So., St. Louis Park
Contact person - Rosemary Zippoy - (612) 920-0529 or (612) 332-1336

Eden Prairie City Hall Plans for a community circle dialogue in Eden Prairie have been cancelled
 8080 Mitchell Rd., Eden Prairie
Contact person - Gloria Winans - (612) 340-7659
Sponsor – Eden Prairie Human Rights and Diversity Commission

South Metro

City of Apple Valley #26 Place, time and dates to be announced
Contact person – Mayor Mary Hamann-Roland
(612) 953-2501 or (612) 891-4744

Burnsville City Hall #21 Community Circles in Burnsville will focus on land use and neighborhood rather than education, housing and race
 100 Civic Center Parkway
Contact person – Renita McBride – (612) 895-4473
Sponsor – Partnerships For Tomorrow

Creekside Community Center**** #19 Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24
 9801 Penn Ave. So., Bloomington
Contact person - Ann E. Moening - (612) 948-3955
Sponsor – Bloomington Human Rights Commission

Augsburg Library***** #20 Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23
 7100 Nicollet Ave. So., Richfield
Contact person - Connie McDonald - (612) 866-6168
Sponsor – Richfield Human Rights Commission

North Metro

Rockford Road Community Library #29 Dates and time to be determined
 6401 42nd Ave. No., Crystal
Contact Persons – Angela Nalezny – (612) 531-1188 or Tess Moleski – (612) 531-9267
Sponsor – Crystal Human Rights Commission

Columbia Heights Public Schools and Chamber #28 Dates, time and place to be determined of Commerce
Contact Person – Dr. David Behlow, Supt. – (612) 586-4501

Footnotes

- *Food and beverage available at the Crossings
- ** Light supper to be provided at modest cost
- ***Interpreter services available (Spanish and Somali)
- ****Child care, transportation and interpreter services provided (call in advance to secure services)
- *****Child care available

For further information about the overall project, contact Dick Little or Pam Jewson at the Education & Housing Equity Project at (612) 330-1505. In Saint Paul, contact Barb Rose or Kate Murphy of the Wilder Foundation at (651) 659-6031 or (651) 642-2083.

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AGENDA

Thursday, February 4, 1999
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Metropolitan State University - 700 East 7th Street, Saint Paul

10:00 Sign-in and refreshments

10:10 Welcome and introduction of speakers

Penny Harris Reynen
Associate Vice President
Community & Government Relations
Metropolitan State University

10:15 Brief introduction to the Community Circle Project

Dick Little - Executive Director
Education and Housing Equity Project

10:20 The challenges of racial and ethnic inequality and economic segregation: The relationship between race, poverty, segregation and academic achievement - What the research shows

Dr. Samuel L. Myers Jr.
Roy Wilkins Professor of Human Relations and Social Justice
Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs
University of Minnesota

10:35 The connection to quality education and student achievement: the value of integrated education and inclusive educational institutions and practices

Al Oertwig - Board Director
Saint Paul Board of Education

10:45 The connection to fair and affordable housing and access to job and life opportunities: the challenge of creating inclusive communities

Rev. Oliver White - Senior Minister
Grace Community United Church of Christ

10:55 Call to conversation and action: an invitation to participate in the Community Circles Dialogue and Challenge to put our cities to work

Tom Kingston - President
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

11:00 Questions & discussion

12:00 Adjourn

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AGENDA

Thursday, January 21, 1999
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
St. Louis Park City Council Chambers

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| 7:00 | Sign-in and refreshments | |
| 7:10 | Welcome and Introduction of Speaker | Mayor Gail Dorfman – St. Louis Park |
| 7:15 | Brief Introduction to the Community Circle Project | Dick Little – Executive Director,
Education & Housing Equity Project (EHEP) |
| 7:20 | Making the Connection: School Desegregation and Academic Achievement | Dr. Barbara Pulliam - Superinintendentnt –
St. Louis Park Public Schools |
| 7:30 | The Benefits of an Integrated Education and the Connection between Integrated Education and Integrated Communities | Representative Carlos Mariani-Rosa
Executive Director
Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc. |
| 7:40 | Making the Connection: Inclusionary Communities and Regional Stability | Russ Adams - Director
Alliance for Metropolitan Stability |
| 7:50 | Pulling it all Together: The Challenge of Metropolitan Disparities and Regional Segregation | Representative Myron Orfield
EHEP Board of Directors |
| 8:05 | Questions and Discussion | |
| 9:00 | Adjourn | |