

Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation(A-R/P-R) Task Force

Report to Regional Board (Oregon and Southwest Idaho)

February 4, 2023

This Task Force presented another Tulsa Talk with the featured guest, Rev. David Bell, Minister for the Center for Indigenous Ministries (Disciples of Christ). Dr. Bell informed Talk attendees about the change which is in addition to his responsibilities as Director of Yakima Christian Mission. The Center has the same status as NAPAD, Obra Hispana and the National Convocation. 14 people joined the call on November 9, 2022. . Some thoughts that were new to me;

- people could affirm the mistakes of our ancestors
- the elimination of identity is genocide
- before reconciliation there needs to be Reparative work then Restorative work and after that, Reconciliation.

The subject of the next Tulsa Talk on February 8 will be Black History in Oregon. Our guest will be Darryl Tukufu, a former member of Salem FCC and the A-R/P-R task force. Board members are welcome.

Our Task Force has a reminder for the group who chooses the interim Minister. There should be diversity in the group and in the candidates.

Submitted by Brenda Mikota

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