

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Study Circle class?

A Study Circle class is a small group of students who engage in a series of democratic discussion and dialogue about race relation issues on campus and in society.

What is the goal of a study circle on race relations?

The goal is to deepen understanding and judgment, and to think about ways to make a difference on a community issue you care about. This can occur in a safe, focused discussion where people exchange views freely and consider a variety of views. The process--democratic discussion among equals--is as important as the content.

Why should we have study circles?

At the heart of study circles is democratic dialogue--where people of all racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds sit down together and respectfully hear each other's experiences and concerns. In this way, people can better understanding and appreciate others, rethink stereotypes and misperceptions, and build relationships. This openness lays a strong foundation for multifaceted community collaboration and problem solving.

What Are Some Examples of Past Action Plans?

- Inclusion of diversity into a teen summer camp curriculum
- Initial Peace & Justice Symposium
- Displays, Presentations, & Discussions on Race & Ethnicity
- Founding of Asian American Association
- Homeless Food Project in Chicago
- Community-wide activities uniting people from diverse backgrounds
- Coordinating a Children's Carnival for disadvantaged youth
- Facilitate study circles in the high schools
- Surveys on racial climate, race relations in work place
- Mentoring & Tutoring Programs in K-12 (diverse areas)

For more information, contact Co-Directors:

Ms. Jane Bello-Brunson Director of Multicultural Programs & Adjunct Faculty
Jane.BelloBrunson@valpo.edu Dr. Bill Marion, Jr Professor of Mathematics & Computer Science
Bill.MarionJr@valpo.edu

The PDF Footer