

**Community Coalition for Social Justice (CCSJ)/Dismantling Racism Together
Joint Meeting
February 3, 2021**

Concerns/Suggestions for Action

1. Support implementation of the City of Morgantown Police Review Board. (22 meetings were held to draft proposed ordinance with no input or comments from the Morgantown Police Department (MPD) or Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) despite invitations to do so.)
 - a. Call City Council members.
 - b. Write letters to the editor of the Dominion Post.
 - c. Place full page ad in the Dominion Post with data to counteract misinformation coming from the MPD and FOP. A group led by Eve Faulkes is already working on this and donations are welcome to fund the ad.
 - d. Send information or requests for information to Molly Kennedy of the ACLU at mkennedy@acluwv.org. She can also provide speakers to talk with other community groups on this issue.
 - e. Learn the history of policing in the United States. Dr. Jim Nolan, Chair and Professor of Sociology at WVU, is an excellent resource.
 - f. Ask for a town hall meeting to discuss the issue.
 - g. Ask for conversations with police officers in forums like coffee with a cop.
2. Investigate and discuss suspension rates and disparity in disciplinary actions against students of color in the Mon County School System.
3. Discuss sundown laws in West Virginia. For clarification, people of color are often not safe on the streets after sundown.
4. Contact local, state, and federal lawmakers on recognition of black history and systemic racism.
5. Housing discrimination.
6. Targeting and profiling not only by MPD but Mon County Sheriff's Department and West Virginia State Police.
7. Legislation at the state and federal levels on reparations.
 - a. Contact WV legislators as well as members of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees.
8. Racism is changed by policies. We need to support lawmakers and encourage and work with them to change policies and laws at all levels.
9. Support the WVU Faculty Senate Inclusion and Diversity Committee that is working on issues with hiring, tenure, etc.
10. Have another meeting to further the conversation. If you would like to participate send your contact information to either to ccsjwv@gmail.com or DismantlingRacismTogether@gmail.com, if you are not already on a mailing list.

REMEMBER THAT ALLYSHIP IS A VERB.

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Delegate Danielle Walker