

# Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation

Presents

## “Bridging Our Differences”

Civility First . . . So we can work together

WWFOR Annual Fall Retreat

Saturday, November 13, 2021

Register now at <https://wwfor.org/wwfor-fall-retreat/>

### RETREAT SCHEDULE

9am (PST) - Welcome and Introductions  
9:45—Civility First workshop  
11:15—Next Steps - Breakout Rooms  
11:35—break  
12N—Peace Bus presentation  
12:25—Workshops (please state preferences at registration)  
Civility First Q&A; Critical Race Theory; Houseless Advocacy  
1:25—Report back from workshops, evaluations  
1:45—Good-bye activity  
Thanks to presenters; Civility Pledge;  
“Beautifully Human” song  
2pm—End of retreat



### The Peace Bus

Tacoma native Kwabi  
Amoah-Forson and friends  
The Peace Bus website is <https://www.thepeacebus.org/>

### AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS [12:25 – 1:25]\*

\* All afternoon programs will go on simultaneously, with attendees assigned to a “room” according to their stated preference.

**Q&A session with Civility First** presenters exploring issues which emerged in the morning program. Spend another hour moving into the possibilities of “common ground” with experienced guides who have seen positive engagement emerge from cautious first meetings. Honesty and a safe environment foster moving conversations.

**What is Critical Race Theory, and how do we talk about it?** Led by Rebecca (Beck) Diamond

Critical Race Theory is not actually one theory but a breadth of Black and Brown Authored Scholarship. This has provided voice and documentation that contributes to a larger archive of the Black experience. Examine ways Americans of all backgrounds, identities, and ways of being have been represented, and the ways that this has impacted how white people think about black people and how black and brown people think about themselves.

Beck Diamond is a mother, artist, and activist on Whidbey Island. She is the founder and Artistic Director of Meander Dance Collective and works with other non-profit organizations on Whidbey Island. She holds a Masters in Cultural Studies from the University of Washington and is dedicated to education for change.

**HOUSELESS Advocacy** and difficult conversations around the catastrophe of houseless citizens here and everywhere. There are many organized groups both in government and in “faith-based” or citizen-led initiatives which are dedicated to providing support and facilitating understanding of the complexity of living outside, especially in city environs. Get information and encouragement from folks who have been down on the street working to humanize the problems.

Register soon to get your Zoom key to attend the retreat: WWFOR website [<https://wwfor.org/wwfor-fall-retreat/>] and follow the instructions. We are asking \$20–\$10 for low-income folk. For alternative registration methods or for FREE registration, email [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org) or call Sandy Ware: 360-870-8068. Checks to WWFOR, may be sent to Olympia FOR, P.O. Box 7273, Olympia, WA 98507. You are supporting the continuing work of our presenters and the volunteers who facilitated the event. For other info, email us at [fsilsby970@gmail.com](mailto:fsilsby970@gmail.com) or call Fred Silsby at 360-252-0684.