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## ZOOM INFORMATION

To Ask Questions:

Questions may be grouped and we may not get to all questions

The presentation portion of the seminar will be recorded.



# WHY WE ARE HERE: TO TALK ABOUT RACISM

Racism is a longstanding problem in our country, including for Black and Brown neighbors here in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

We are here to seize the moment to ensure our region is a welcoming and inclusive community for diverse communities of color.

Talking about racism is difficult, but with**7**OJ**0(** 

# THE GREATER SCRANTON MLK COMMISSION

OUR MISSION: to promote Dr. King's principles of non-violence, equity, and love through education and service.

OUR PURPOSE:

To work inclusively with community partners to improve interracial relations everywhere.

To encourage economic and social growth within our minority communities.

To recognize those individuals who have contributed towards the economic and social growth within our minority communities.

To promote principals of non-violence, equality and love.

To tell the stories of the struggles and continued progress.

### COLLABORATION: SPONSORS & SPEAKER ORGANIZATIONS







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## HOW TO APPROACH TO DAY'S CONVERSATION

Listen with – not to agree/argue, but to hear/understand

Listen with – imagine what the issue feels like for people with lived experiences different from yours, especially those in communities of color Listen with in mind – even if you have complicated or conflicting positions, think about the issue in terms mMCHo r° bl š



#BlackLivesMatter is a global (United States, UK, and Canada) grassroots organization formed in 2013 in response to the current and historical race-based hatred and discrimination of Black bodies throughout the world. Its mission is to dismantle and eradicate the system of white supremacy and address the violence, subjugation, and political strife inflicted on Blacks across the diaspora. In addition, the Black Lives Matter movement seeks to reimagine the local and global Black community, by creating space for imagination, innovation, with a central focus on Black liberation. Simply put, Black lives are in danger and have been since the installation of chattel slavery. The very concept of Blackness has been beset with negative connotations for countless generations, and this conception continues to perpetuate the cycle of violence and discrimination we see manifesting throughout the United States.



A grassroots organization aimed at uplifting and liberating the Black community locally and globally

An entity that seeks to create opportunities for advancement, equal rights, and equal treatment of Blacks

A movement to recreate the concept of Blackness and implement intentional spaces for Black empowerment

A power-base that operates from a position of collaboration and an unapologetic paradigm that promotes action-oriented steps to support the Black community An organization that incites violence

An extremist movement

A movement that excludes other racial groups



#### **Help Us Fight Disinformation**

We need to see what you see. Black Lives Matter is a central target of disinformation and you are a key line of defense. Report suspicious sites, stories, ads, social accounts, and posts about BLM.

Source: www.blacklivesmatter.com



The Black Lives Matter Movement promotes and encourages allyship

#### QUESTIONS?