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**Greater Sacramento to Hold Nation's Largest Teach-in Focused On Racism
June 12-14 – *Sacramento Faces Race*.**

(Sacramento, CA) Hundreds of community organizations, religious groups, and student bodies are coming together for *Sacramento Faces Race (SFR)* on June 12 – 14. Taking place at sites throughout the Sacramento region, SFR promises to be the country's largest Teach-In ever to address racism.

The goal of the weekend is to recognize and understand systemic racism from the Black-American experience and perspective. To learn how it operates. To see how it affects Black/ Non-Black Americans. And to provide a springboard for positive action. Moderators will use up-to-the-minute downloadable curricula to facilitate the discussions on issues of race and how to take steps toward racial equality.

Sacramento Faces Race was conceived and is managed by Lynn Berkley of Folsom with hopes that the grassroots, all volunteer model is replicated throughout America. Lynn is a lifetime social activist. After participating in the NAACP and Mayor Johnson's Just Justice Forum in Sacramento, she was invited to participate in a Washington D.C. summit about systemic racism with national racial justice leaders including U.S. Congress members and White House officials.

"Sustainable change in civil discord cannot happen through blame. It must happen through understanding the perspectives of those who claim the inequity. It's about time we educate ourselves about the systems of racism and change them. This Teach-In is a small next step." Says Ms Berkley.

Leaders from all over agree and are lining up to support SFR:

Says John A. Heath; *Exec. Director CalCAPA, Pastor/Consultant Ministry Advantage:*

"Sacramento Faces Race brings out of the shadows, the subject of race and creates a platform where not only dialogue can take place, but real strategies and solutions can be implemented to close the ever growing unacknowledged racial divide in Sacramento and the Nation as a whole."

Adds Joy Johnson PhD; President Sacramento Area Congregations Together (SacACT) and Pastor; Higher Hope Christian Church:

"In the height of racial tensions in our nation's cities, Sacramento Faces Race will 'intentionally' guide our city into courageous conversations to discuss hidden wounds, to build relationships, and to be a catalyst to spawn new cultures of change!"

As President Lyndon Johnson stated in his 1965 speech following a week of turmoil in Selma - "There is no Negro problem. There is no Southern problem. There is no Northern problem. There is only an American problem."

Visit www.SacramentoFacesRace.com in the coming weeks to learn more about how/where/when you can attend - even host a Teach-In. Groups already committed to participate include; Sacramento ACT, The Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento, Sacramento Board of Rabbis, and Folsom Lake College. Check the site often for project updates.