

EVERYDAY MICRO ACTIONS

WITH THE HOPE OF EMPOWERING AND ENCOURAGING OUR CHURCH FAMILY DURING THESE TERRIFYING AND DIFFICULT TIMES, THE ANTI-RACISM COMMITTEE IS SHARING 7 IDEAS FOR RESISTANCE EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY SERVICE. THESE ARE EVERYDAY MICRO ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE THAT COLLECTIVELY MAKE A HUGE IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY.

01 **ENGAGE:** Join The Conversation 253 for the 20th annual MLK JR event on **Sunday, January 18 from 2-4pm at Evergreen State College**, Tacoma campus. This year's theme is "Chaos or Community," and is an intergenerational, multi-ethnic, and participatory event. To learn more about the event and to register, follow the [link attached HERE](#). Please note that as part of the event's restorative experience, you can bring donations of warm clean clothing and toiletries for unhoused neighbors.



02 **ENGAGE:** Join the City of Tacoma's annual MLK Jr Celebration on **Monday, January 19 at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center**. This year's theme is "Community in Service: A Path to Action" and will celebrate how we come together to serve and uplift community. The event begins with a resource fair at 11am and the main event begins at 1pm. To learn more, [follow the link HERE](#).



03 **ENGAGE:** Join the first of many public forums to discuss issues facing Pierce County. Your voice matters and you should be part of the policies that affect our collective lives and community. The first community forum will be held on **Saturday, January 24 from 6-8pm at Urban Grace Church**. The first topic to be discussed will be immigration and housing. To learn more, follow the [Instagram page](#) sharing about these forums.



04 **SHARE & SIGN:** Did you know that Black youth who go missing are more likely to be dismissed by law enforcement as "runaways"? Black people who go missing are more likely to receive less media coverage and receive fewer resources.

A community-led initiative called Ebony Alert Washington is taking action to change the racial disparities in missing persons cases. The initiative will be going to legislation this year and need more signatures to show legislators how crucial this is to the community. To learn more and sign, please follow the [link attached](#).



05 **PAUSE & LEARN:** With the recent news of the U.S. bombing Venezuela, many of us may be caught between not knowing how to engage and being confused by all the information we are receiving all at once. From Somalia to Venezuela, here are a few things to remember:

- Multiple truths and experiences exist. Be wary of news outlets that only share one narrative.
- International law largely prohibits countries from bombing other countries "for democracy."
- U.S. imperialism is **not** liberation. A "transfer" in power when it's just the other side of the same coin is **not** liberation.
- Learn about the ways capitalism and war are intertwined. One book recommendation: *The Business of War – Theological and Ethical Reflection on the Military-Industrial Complex*.
- War almost always disproportionately impacts civilians. Solidarity with the people, always.

06 **TAKE ACTION:** Whether you are ready to take action to oppose the U.S. attacks on Venezuela or just want to figure out where or how you fit in, *Democracy on the Go* has compiled a list of five things you can do to take action. Whether it's calling elected officials, supporting organizations, or joining a protest, every action is important. Follow *Democracy on the Go* on social media to learn more.



07 **CELEBRATE WINS:** Despite the overwhelming weight of oppressive, dehumanizing, and sometimes far-fetched attacks against our beloved communities, there have been many instances of hope and resistance! Here are a few examples.

- A suburb of Columbus, OH unanimously passed an ordinance that bans workplaces, landlords and public accommodations from discriminating against LGBTQ+ individuals.
- Arizona has eliminated medical debt for almost 500,000 residents in partnership with the organization, Undue Medical Debt.
- Somerville, MA became the first U.S. city where voters approved a municipal divestment initiative from Israel.