



Reconciliation Dinner

Shreveport

What would a “reconciled Shreveport” look like? How can you be a part of the process?

In 1865, a freed slave and chef, Nat Fuller, invited black and white citizens in Charleston, South Carolina to sit at a common table and share a reconciliation dinner. Shreveporters inspired by this event held the first Shreveport Reconciliation Dinner in August of 2016.

Our need for reconciliation continues and the second Shreveport Reconciliation Dinner will be held on February 24, 2018 at Centenary College. The dinner will:

- Provide a space where generations share stories of racial reconciliation, acknowledging them as part of Shreveport’s collective narrative.
- Encourage community members who are working against systemic racism through their community involvement, profession, or creative expression.
- Excavate our history, acknowledging the toxic legacies of prejudice and racism in our community as well as honoring efforts to achieve reconciliation.
- Continue the dialogue of racial reconciliation and community education beyond the scope of the dinner.

Participants will be selected to attend the dinner based on a clear, demonstrated record of achievement or potential to promote racial justice and equality. The Steering Committee seeks nominations of participants who have, for example, advocated change in the community by speaking at public meetings for positive improvements in the neighborhood, registering voters and helping people get to the polls, starting a community garden or neighborhood watch to help integrate their community, working with our youth to help them build a positive future, hosting a meet and greet for candidates who work for racial justice and equality, or any other activity promoting racial equality.

All nominations will be considered by the Reconciliation Dinner Steering Committee with the goal of bringing together participants who are diverse in race, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, profession, and experience.

We invite you to nominate individuals to attend the 2018 Reconciliation Dinner and participate in a roundtable discussion about racial reconciliation in our community. Please use the attached form or submit a nomination online at reconciliationshreveport.com/nominate. Nominations will be open until December 31, 2017.

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PARTICIPANT NOMINATION FORM

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Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Address _____

Nominee's Phone _____ Nominee's Email _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone _____ Your Email _____

Describe this nominee's achievements and potential for promoting racial justice and equality. Activities could include advocating change in the community by speaking at public meetings for positive improvements in the neighborhood, registering voters and helping people get to the polls, starting a community garden or neighborhood watch to help integrate their community, working with our youth to help them build a positive future, hosting a meet and greet for candidates who work for racial justice and equality, or any other activity promoting racial equality.

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