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Dear Friends,



No child should need to hold a sign declaring their worth as a human being. And yet they do.

We must do better, each of us as individuals and together as a society. We are having some of the same conversations now as we did in the 1960s and before--but the diversity of those protesting has changed, increased. There is more hope at this moment.

George Floyd's public lynching has sparked a new movement, one that has resulted in Confederate statues being toppled, companies making statements in support of Black Lives Matter, many thousands of people marching in the streets around the world in the midst of a global pandemic. Is it enough?

Today is Juneteenth. Liberation day. [Learn about it.](#) Celebrate it. Urge your company to make it a holiday, as many have this year.

The Confederate monuments coming down is a start. But the biggest monuments--structural and systemic racism and white supremacy--still stand. Perhaps Juneteenth is a good day to explore how these monuments continue to be held up--by all of us--and to begin to tear them down as well.

Yes, precious little human, you matter. May our work together make sure of that. May our work in dismantling structural and systemic racism show you that we value and honor you.

### **Links Worth Checking Out**

[Dismantling Structural Racism](#)

[Racism is Terrible. Blackness is Not.](#)

[Structural Racism in America](#)

### **Coming Up**

Ten percent of each registration received for our Hard Conversations classes is donated between two BIPOC-led organizations: the [Equal Justice Initiative](#) to support their work to end mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, challenge racial and economic injustice and protect the basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society, and [Color of Change](#), the largest online racial justice organization in the country, fighting to end the war on Black people in our country.

In addition, we offer scholarships to make our work accessible and indigenous peoples are welcome to attend our classes at no cost. Email [support@pattidigh.com](mailto:support@pattidigh.com) for information.

### **Hard Conversations: Whiteness, Race, and Social Justice**

“Until you can recognize you are living a racialized life and you’re having racialized experiences every moment of every day, you can’t actually engage people of other races around the idea of justice.” Whitney Dow, “The Whiteness Project.” We must understand our whiteness and the power it wields. This four-week course explores whiteness, white supremacy, and race as a social construct, among other topics. To see available courses, [go here](#).

### **Hard Conversations: An Introduction to Racism**

A four-week online class focused on systemic and structural racism, white privilege and white fragility, the myth of colorblindness, and how to be an effective ally. [Go here](#) for information about the next available course.

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