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Dear Friends,

I've seen bubbles before. Moments in time where people get riled up about racism, and then that moment is gone. We can't let that happen now.

If this has prompted you to read Black writers, keep reading them. If it has led you to explore your own white supremacy, keep exploring. If it has caused you to donate to organizations fighting for liberation, keep donating. If it has prompted you to speak up when you see racism in action, please keep speaking up. If it has caused you to pay attention to politicians and their platforms and voting records, keep paying attention. If it has brought you to the point where you can speak truth to power, keep on doing that. If it led you to protest in the streets, don't stop.

We cannot let this dissolve. This moment is potent--around the world. What we can learn from it is powerful. The change that can and must occur can't and won't occur if we go back to business as usual. It's hard work, but it is joyous work, aiming for the liberation of our Black kin, our brothers and sisters. ***They keep choosing love, and we keep choosing ignorance.*** Let's change that.

Links Worth Checking Out

Please watch this (again, if you've seen it before). [Cornel West with Anderson Cooper](#)

[A Reading List on Policing, Rebellion, and the Criminalization of Blackness](#)

[Sobering thoughts about the future of COVID-19](#)

Coming Up

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.

Tea Time with Patti

My Thursday afternoon Zoom gatherings have stopped because I am now teaching on Thursday afternoons. It has been such a pleasure to talk with so many of you during those events.

Thanks for reading. If you like this newsletter and want to support it, forward it to someone who’d like it. If you’re seeing this newsletter for the first time, [you can subscribe here](#).

Keep going,

Patti

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