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Racial Justice
Listening and Learning
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Featuring: Gwen Westerman, Ph.D., Artist, Poet, Historian and Teacher

Travelways of the Dakota People in the St. Croix River Valley
Discuss the impact of place names as symbols of power

**Starter Questions:**
- How do we learn the Indigenous names of places around us?
- Who can change the names of places?
- What happens when the origin of a place name is forgotten?
Discuss the importance of recognizing cultural connections of rivers and travelways

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- How can rivers and travelways have “culture”?
- Who decides what stories are told about the culture of a place?
- Why should we care about the cultural connections of rivers?
Thank You!

Please join us for the final session in the series
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