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# Conversations of the Valley

## Racial Justice Listening and Learning



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*What Happened in this Region to Create the Disparities  
that Black Americans Continue to Experience Today?"*



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## Frederick Douglass St. Paul - 1873

*Discuss how political equality did not equal social equality*

### **Starter Questions:**

- If you were Douglass, would you confront your friend and host about the hotel policy? If so, what would you say?
- How aware do you think Douglass's friend was about the discriminatory practice his own hotel enforced?
- Is this practice a precursor of present-day racial patterns in housing, school enrollment, church membership and civic/cultural participation?



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## Nellie Francis Minneapolis - 1919

*Discuss the challenge of bridging parallel worlds*

### **Starter Questions:**

- Why is it important to participate in any struggle?
- Why is it important to be seen in a struggle?
- How does the spirit of unity continue after the defining moment passes? Must it, if it doesn't occur naturally?
- Is race, in fact, and after our history, the great and insurmountable divide?



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## Thank You!

Please join us for the final two sessions in the series  
**Racial Justice: Listening and Learning**

**March 17:** *Dakota Travelways in the St. Croix River Valley* featuring artist and teacher [Gwen Westerman](#)

**May 19:** *Eliminating the Power of Racial Stereotypes Through Authentic Relationships* featuring author [Alexs Pate](#)