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Committee on Representation and Diversity (CoRD)  
Report to the Presbytery

May 9, 2023

The purpose of our committee is to promote, review, advise, consult and advocate for diversity, inclusion, and representation within our Presbytery.

Committee Members: Diane Welborn, Linda Niece, Jim Pelfrey, Donna Courtney, Ed McNulty, Mark Brun, and Lynn Bova.

The Committee has presented film discussions for the Presbytery and has had a healthy participation. All are welcome!

On March 14 the film **42**, about baseball player Jackie Robinson, the first black athlete to play in Major League Baseball, was our subject.

On April 18 the film version of **Hamilton** was our subject.

Our next film viewing will be **Ruby Bridges**, the real-life tale of young Ruby Bridges one of the first African American children to attend an integrated school in the Deep South. At only age 6, Ruby was selected to attend an all-white school in New Orleans, causing an uproar in the racially divided region. This film is now banned in Florida, but you can view it and discuss it with us here in the Miami Valley Presbytery! More details for this summer showing will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!

Juneteenth, the day the end of slavery is celebrated, is now a federal holiday and is becoming a recognized holiday in our Presbytery. The Committee on Representation and Diversity has compiled a list of events and activities within the communities of the Miami Valley Presbytery from which members of the Presbytery can choose to honor and celebrate this holiday. The list is available in your packet. I will highlight just a few...

**THE JUBILEE DINNER: A NIGHT OF JAZZ WITH FRIENDS (JUNE 16)**

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SPRINGBORO JUNETEENTH UNDERGROUND TOURS (JUNE 17)**

**THE URBANA BLACK HERITAGE FESTIVAL (JUNE 17)**

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**JUNE 17 5:00-7:00 PM OPENING CEREMONIES**

**CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH**

**FOLLOWED BY THE JUNETEENTH CONCERT**

**THE GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING REBIRTH BRASS BAND**

Finally, the Committee is exploring the possibility of presenting a multi-part Diversity and Inclusion series for the Presbytery, highlighting lessons to be learned about Implicit Bias, Inclusive Leadership, Privilege, and Social Change.