**Two Upcoming Opportunities Sponsored by the Racial Justice Conversation Group**

Woodfords’ racial justice conversation group invites everyone to participate in its next two dialogues about racial justice in America. Participation in prior conversations is not necessary; there are no prerequisites for joining us other than an interest in getting together with other learners and conversation partners.

**8/17, 6:30pm – Conversation about “The Next Question” Video Series: Episode 1, “Segregation Is Still Here”**

[**The** **Next** **Question**](https://www.tnqshow.com/) is a video web series that is facilitated by Austin Channing Brown, Chi Chi Okwu, and Jenny Booth Potter. TNQ engages visionaries, leaders, and artists in the substantive questions of racial justice.

**On Monday, August 17, we will gather online at 6:30pm to discuss TNQ’s inaugural episode, “Segregation is Still Here.”** In the 46-minute video, New York Times journalist and MacArthur Genius Nikole Hannah-Jones “joins the TNQ hosts in an eye-opening conversation about the state of education in America and the threads of segregation that still plague this public good. Conversation will explore educational inequality, the history of whiteness as a hoarded resource, and the self-care of bourbon, all in one jam-packed episode.”

While we hope that everyone will have a chance to watch the video before this conversation, feel free to join us even if you do not have a chance to do so. Zoom information is as follows:

Topic: Racial Justice Conversation Group: Discussion of "The Next Question - Segregation is Still Here"

Time: Aug 17, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Join the meeting via your computer:**

<https://zoom.us/j/97025530633?pwd=M3JvMDd0angzV0NlRkhrK3RUZ2Rudz09>

Meeting ID: 970 2553 0633

Passcode: 781468

**Or participate by phone**

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**8/31, 6:30pm – Book Discussion: Mostly White**

**Maine Alert: On Monday, August 31, we will gather online at 6:30pm to discuss the novel** [***Mostly White***](https://www.torreyhouse.org/mostly-white)**, by Alison Hart.** The book is by a Maine author and takes place in our state. Its synopsis is as follows: “Spanning four generations of a mixed-race family, *Mostly White* is a powerful tale of inter-generational trauma and the healing brought by wildness, music and the resilience of women. From Emma, who survives the abuse of an Indian residential school in 1890s Maine, to Ella, who navigates color lines in 1980s New York City, Alison Hart's unforgettable characters fight to form their own identities and honor the call of their ancestors.”

**Support a local bookstore:** [Print: A Bookstore](https://www.printbookstore.com/) – which is located on Congress Street in Portland – encourages local readers by offering a 20% discount on materials ordered for book groups. To access the discount, we will need to place an order for 5 or more books. Teri will submit the group’s order to Print. Once the books are delivered to the church, you can swing by and pick up and pay for pay your copy. With the discount, *Mostly White* will cost $13.56. (You are of course also welcome to purchase your book from the retailer of your choosing; we simply want to provide the opportunity to support a local business.)

**Please note: We do not want the cost of books or supplies to prevent anyone from participating in Woodfords events.** If you would like to participate in this reading group but are on a restricted budget, we can work things out.

***If you would like to have Teri order a copy of the book for you, please let her know by Tuesday, August 11, which should allow enough time for her to submit the order, for the book to be delivered, and for you to have time to read it before August 31. Thank you.***

Zoom information is as follows:

Topic: Racial Justice Conversation Group: Discussion of the book "Mostly White"

Time: Aug 31, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Join the meeting via your computer:**

<https://zoom.us/j/92357596592?pwd=VjBibEpxRWFEZ2JiU1ZmdkpQNWhUZz09>

Meeting ID: 923 5759 6592

Passcode: 849920

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