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GLASTONBURY MLK COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

PRESENTS

# Tell Me the Truth:

## Exploring The Heart of Cross-Racial Conversations

**Sunday, February 9 2020  
3:00 pm**

**Shay Stewart-Bouley**

Blogger: "Black Girl in Maine"

**Debby Irving**

**&** Author: "Waking Up White"

...talk about racism's impact on their lives and how conversation has been instrumental in their own understanding of 21st century racial dynamics.





## Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative

The Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative (GMLKCI) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, that was formed in 2001. Since then, the GMLKCI has sponsored up to three Community Conversations per year. GMLKCI works to increase Glastonbury residents' knowledge and understanding of the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King and to provide leadership and active engagement to build an inclusive community.

A goal of GMLKCI is to bring people together to discuss social justice issues which are as important to us today both as individuals and as members of our community as they were to Dr. King. As Dr. King noted, *"...whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly..."* and *"...the quality of a community is determined by how members of the community relate to one another."*

The goal of this Community Conversations to inform and inspire Glastonbury residents to become actively involved in social justice issues by discussing in an open and congenial manner issues which may divide us or bind us together as individuals, families and a community.

All of the social justice issues discussed during this afternoon's Community Conversation are addressed in light of Dr. King's principles.

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."*

Please visit the advocacy tables—the work these organizations do is important to our communities.

**Thank you** for attending today's program. Your presence encourages the work we do as members of the Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative (GMLKCI) to make Glastonbury a more inclusive place to live and visit.

This project was accomplished by a handful of committed community members. Please consider joining as a volunteer, there is an opportunity to express interest on the evaluation form.

While all of our programs are free, we are dependent on the community for financial support. The Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) corporation and all donations are tax deductible. If you would like to support our efforts with a financial contribution, checks for any amount will be gratefully accepted; payable to **GMLKCI**, and mailed to GMLKCI at:

62 Chimneysweep Hill Road  
Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033

More information about  
Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative:

**[www.glastonburymlkci.org](http://www.glastonburymlkci.org)**

Visit the website to learn details of our next  
Community Conversation.

Today's Community Conversation is generously supported by the Norma and Natale Sestero Fund administered by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. The Norma and Natale Sestero Fund was created through the estate of Natale and Norma Sestero, longtime residents of Glastonbury, with the goal to benefit the people and institutions of the town. The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is the community foundation for the 29-town Greater Hartford region and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for area residents.



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## Program

Reception  
Meet the Speakers

Welcome and Program Introduction  
David O'Connor

Conversation

**Tell Me the Truth:  
Exploring the Heart of Cross-Racial Conversations**

### OUR SPEAKERS

**Debby Irving**  
Racial Justice Educator  
Author, *Waking Up White*

**Shay Stewart-Bouley**  
Executive Director, Community Change, Inc.  
Blogger, *Black Girl in Maine*

Questions and Answers

Closing Remarks and Appreciation  
David O'Connor

Please complete and return the program evaluation and community survey forms. Your opinions are important to our programming and fundraising efforts.

**Today, a special offer:** the first twenty attendees to return the 2 forms receive a copy of Debby Irving's book "Waking Up White," thanks to the generosity of one of our board members.

## Debby Irving



Debby Irving is a racial justice educator, author, and public speaker. As a community and performing arts organizer and classroom teacher, Debby struggled to make sense of racial tensions she could feel but could not explain. In 2009, a graduate school course, Racial and Cultural Identities, gave her the answers she'd been looking for and launched her on a journey of discovery. Now, speaking and leading workshops around the country, Debby devotes herself to exploring the impact white skin can have on perception, problem solving, and creating culturally inclusive communities. A graduate of Kenyon College (BA) and Simmons College (MBA). Her first book, *Waking Up White*, tells the story of how she went from well-meaning to well-doing.

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## Shay Stewart-Bouley



Shay Stewart-Bouley is a native Chicagoan who moved to Maine in 2002 (not by choice). A graduate of both DePaul University and Antioch University New England, Shay is currently the Executive Director of Community Change Inc., a more than 50-year-old civil rights organization in Boston that has been educating and organizing for racial equality since 1968 with a specific focus on the white problem. Her writings in the press, and her blog, on diversity, race, class and gender, have been award-winning.

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