

To the Editor,

We, the board members of Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative, wish to express our profound gratitude for all who helped to make our most recent program, ***“Tell Me the Truth: Exploring the Heart of Cross-Racial Conversations”***, a profoundly meaningful event. On Sunday afternoon, February 9th, our presenters, Shay Stewart-Bouley and Debby Irving, brought us to a new level of consciousness regarding cross-racial conversations. The Town of Glastonbury provided welcoming space at the Riverfront Community Center. Our many sponsors made it financially possible. The caterer provided tasty Syrian food! And 165 people came from Glastonbury and a number of surrounding towns!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “...the quality of a community is determined by how members of the community relate to one another.” These prophetic words took on new meaning as we broke into small groups to explore what can happen when conversations go beyond the superficial. Judging by the comments on the evaluation forms, most people departed feeling both grateful and challenged, daunted and hopeful. It is clear that this Community Conversation must be viewed as a first step. When we learn to communicate honestly, we all become more fully human. And that is what Dr. King envisioned.

Presenters Shay Stewart-Bouley and Debby Irving modeled for us how rewarding it is and how urgent it is for more and more people of all ages to commit to cross-racial relationships. Our Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative team looks forward to taking next steps. Watch for announcements of our next Community Conversation in The Citizen.

We welcome comments from the community to help us strengthen our work and broaden our impact – please use the ‘Contact Us’ feature on www.glastonburymlkci.org.

Sincerely,

The Directors of the GMLKCI