



GLASTONBURY MLK
COMMUNITY
INITIATIVE

presents an online

Community Conversation

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Juvenile Justice Reform

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter”

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Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative

The Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, that was formed in 2001. GMLKCI's mission is to increase knowledge about, and understanding of, the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to provide leadership and active engagement to build an inclusive community. We believe that bringing people together to discuss openly and honestly social justice issues will help build a more inclusive and tolerant community. 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 Conversation is 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 evening's Community Conversation are addressed in light of Dr. King's principles.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

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Program

Welcome and Introduction

David O'Connor—GMLKCI

Panel Moderator:

Jacqueline Rabe Thomas, Connecticut Public
Accountability Project

Our Panelists:

Christina Quaranta, Connecticut Justice Alliance

Jason Doucette, Attorney and Connecticut Gen-
eral Assembly Representative for District 13

Ken Barone, Institute for Municipal and Regional
Policy at the University of Connecticut

Warren Hardy, dedicated youth development
professional and street mediator

Marshall S. Porter, Glastonbury's Chief of Police

Conversation—Questions and Answers

Please enter your Questions into the Zoom “Chat”

Closing Remarks and Appreciation

David O'Connor—GMLKCI

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will appear as you exit Zoom. Your opinions are im-
portant to our programming and fundraising efforts.**

Jacqueline Rabe Thomas

Jacqueline Rabe Thomas is an investigative reporter with Connecticut Public's Accountability Project who has won two national awards (2012 and 2020) for investigative reporting from the Education Writers Association. She also won investigative awards from the New England Newspaper & Press Association in 2019 and 2020. Jacqueline's reporting has appeared in ProPublica, Mother Jones, Long Reads, and daily newspapers across Connecticut. She received an undergraduate degree in journalism from Bowling Green State University and a master's in public policy from Trinity College. She has also taught at the University of Connecticut's School of Business.

Christina Quaranta

Christina Quaranta is the Executive Director of the Connecticut Justice Alliance (CTJA) a youth-adult partnership public policy and advocacy organization located in Bridgeport. CTJA's mission is to end the criminalization of youth. Christina advocates for legal system reform that recognizes youth, families and communities as the most important stakeholders. More broadly, she is committed to dismantling systemic racism across Connecticut so all people can be free to realize their potential. Christina holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Southern Connecticut State University and a master's degree in Public Administration, with a concentration in nonprofit management from Fairfield University.

Jason Doucette

Jason Doucette is in his 2nd term representing Manchester and Glastonbury in the Connecticut House of Representatives District 13. He serves as the House Chair of the Banking Committee and is a member of the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee and the Judiciary Committee. Jason is an attorney with the firm of Gagliardi Doucette. Jason played an active role in discussions on juvenile justice reform over the past few years helping to build consensus on the Judiciary Committee and within the House Democratic caucus for the recent legislation and judicial reforms. He is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and University of Connecticut School of Law.

Ken Barone

Ken Barone is a Project Manager with the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP) at University of Connecticut where he manages the Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project. Ken is responsible for staffing the Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Advisory Board and is the legislative liaison for the project with the Connecticut General Assembly. He has provided assistance to the Juvenile Jurisdiction Policy and Operations Coordinating Council, the Connecticut Re-entry Roundtable Collaborative, and the Children of Incarcerated Parent's initiative.

Warren Hardy

Warren Hardy is a dedicated youth development professional and street mediator and the founder and CEO of H.Y.P.E (Helping Young People Evolve). He gained street knowledge in the early 90's from within one of Hartford's notorious gangs, "20 Love." Upon his early release from a 12-year prison sentence for racketeering and gang affiliation in 2000, Warren changed his life and mentality from a negative to a positive, committing the rest of his life to the service of spreading a message of empowerment and ending community violence. He began the work of educating young men about the dangers of gang activity, moving from Victim to Victory, spreading his knowledge with a vengeance for peace. Warren holds a B.A. in Human Services from Springfield College.

Marshall S. Porter

Marshall S. Porter is the Chief of Police in Glastonbury, appointed in November 2017. Chief Porter has been a police officer since 1989. He previously served as the Captain/Executive Officer in Farmington, Connecticut (1994-2017), and as a patrol officer in the Winchester, New Hartford, and Harwinton Police Departments. Chief Porter has held the rank of Narcotics Detective, Corporal, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, and Lieutenant during his career with the Farmington Police Department. He has represented the Connecticut Police Chiefs' Association on the Private Security Committee, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, and the Governor's Sexual Assault Kit Working Group. He is the current Capital Region Chiefs of Police Association President and sits on the Connecticut Police Chiefs' Association Board of Directors.

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