



CONVERSATION-STARTERS

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

FIRST, NEXT MEETING

Some Common Grounders have learned to schedule their next conversation while they are face-to-face with each other, and to take care of this first, before discussing the questions below. So get out your calendars and set your next meeting—

Date:

Time:

Place:

NOW, CONVERSATION

Don't feel like you have to work through these questions systematically; just use them as a springboard to honest discussion. Feel free to ask additional questions as well.

1. How is where you live now different from or similar to where you grew up?
2. What are the stereotypes, rumors, or myths about other races you grew up hearing? How do you feel, sharing those face-to-face with someone from another race?
3. Are your opinions on race different from those of your family, community, or church? Why?
4. You and your partner might define racism differently. Talk together about how you interpret whether something (or someone) is racist.
5. In what ways do Blacks, Whites, and Latinos in the Lansing community experience racism differently?