



CONVERSATION-STARTERS

PAST AND FUTURE

FIRST, NEXT MEETING

Before diving into the questions below, get out your calendars and set your next meeting—

Date:

Time:

Place:

NOW, CONVERSATION

Choose from the questions below to get the conversation started:

1. Are you the kind of person who likes to look back and assess what's been done, or look ahead and make plans and goals? Is this equally true of you in your work, family, and personal life?
2. What kind of resolutions or goals are easiest for you to commit to?
3. Throughout our nation, and even here in our community, there has been much conversation about changing the way we understand history. Statues have come down, flags have been removed, teams are being renamed, and different names and faces are being honored. Talk with your partner about these changes—what was your first reaction, and did your feelings change as you gave it more thought?
4. In these conversations about our national and local history, what is something you want your partner to understand about you?
5. What are some things Lansing could do to honor our mostly-white history while also celebrating our increasing diversity?