

How many organizations have joined *AMS* so far?

To date, 34 faith-based organizations representing many of our community's world religions have become *AMS* Participants. *AMS* welcomes the involvement of faith-based organizations of all traditions in Greater Cincinnati.

How is *AMS* different from other programs and initiatives?

AMS is uniquely positioned to advance the cause of racial justice because of:

- its **inclusiveness and unprecedented scope**. *AMS* invites faith-based organizations of all traditions to connect in racial justice work, forming an influential moral force.
- its **Five Resolutions**. Participants are asked to sign onto five resolutions which bind them in mutual authenticity, responsibility, and accountability.
- its **focus on action and advocacy**. Participants are encouraged to not only do their own work of understanding racial injustice, but to advocate in a nonpartisan way for the remediation of systemic racism through equity-producing policies and legislation.
- its **structured partnerships with professional organizations**. *AMS* has "racial equity partners" with expertise in identifying, recommending, and implementing concrete solutions to mitigate and ideally eliminate racial inequities.

Who are the leaders of *AMS*?

A Mighty Stream is a program of the civic nonprofit EquaSion and as such is under the authority of the EquaSion Board of Directors. The *AMS* Advisory Board provides direct leadership and oversight for the program.

About EquaSion

EquaSion is a non-partisan civic organization founded upon interfaith dialogue that works to develop educational and community service programming to foster greater understanding, respect, compassion, inclusion, and engagement for all people and faith communities in Greater Cincinnati and beyond. EquaSion is a registered nonprofit in Ohio with a 501(c)(3) status.

To learn more about A Mighty Stream and EquaSion, please visit:

www.equasion.org



A Mighty Stream

**An Interfaith
Community of
Sacred Activists for
Racial Justice**

A program of



What is *A Mighty Stream (AMS)*?

In the aftermath of the George Floyd tragedy, EquaSion, a non-partisan civic organization, developed *AMS* to address racial injustice through interfaith involvement. **The goal is to organize and unite Cincinnati's diverse faith communities into a moral force to take action** individually and collectively, privately and publicly, spiritually and materially, to advance the cause of racial justice through sacred activism, including education, dialogue, community-building, and advocacy for policies and legislation to remediate systemic inequities.

Definition of "racial justice?"

The systematic fair treatment of people of all races that results in equitable opportunities and outcomes for everyone.

What is "sacred activism?"

Simply stated, it is social action inspired by one's religious teachings.

Where did the name *A Mighty Stream* come from?

It was taken from the biblical passage invoked by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights leaders:

"Let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream."

Amos 5:24

What are the main services of *A Mighty Stream*?

AMS provides education (resources on race, racial injustice, and systemic racism), promotes interfaith dialogue and collaboration, and provides opportunities for sacred activism (e.g., through the issuance of "Sacred Activism Alerts").

Can individuals participate in the work and activities of *AMS*?

Certainly. Much of *AMS* programming is available to the public on the website. Additionally, anyone can join in the activities sponsored by their participating organizations. While *AMS* is directed mainly at the faith-based community, inclusive of all traditions, its work is available to and of potential benefit to the nonreligious as well.

What are the Five Resolutions embraced by all *AMS* participants?

1. **WE RESOLVE** to discern our personal and communal biases and commit to transforming our lives for the greater good;
2. **WE RESOLVE** to listen and learn from each other as we pursue anti-racism and racial justice in our personal and corporate lives;
3. **WE RESOLVE** to address racism and racial disparities in our own faith communities;
4. **WE RESOLVE** to eradicate economic disparities and systemic inequities in our spheres of influence;
5. **WE RESOLVE** as an interfaith community, to work with civic leaders and elected officials in advocating for policies that dismantle structural racism and the ideology of white supremacy.

