

IMPACT THAT LASTS

We march to not only raise awareness but to inspire change. We want our march to have an effect on people's minds and hearts so that they take action to build community, heal divides, and put hands and feet to faith. While we recognize that there is still segregation and discrimination, and economic and social disparities, it is not enough to simply march about it. We must overcome barriers and right wrongs. We can and must forge a new path together.

- We must learn more about one another to dispel fear.
- We must work together to solve challenges.
- We must ask our government to enact fair policies, and commit to economic development in all parts of town.
- We must advocate for those struggling to make ends meet in a highly competitive society.
- We must learn more about issues like redlining, affordable housing, food deserts and more.
- We can and must support educational institutions in areas where schools struggle with achievement gaps.
- We can and must support businesses in parts of town where investment is poor.

STRENGTH IN ADVERSITY

"Much has been written in recent years about the economic challenges facing west Louisville, and they are indeed daunting. For 60-plus years, people, capital and resources have flowed out of this area to other parts of the city."¹ But the people of west Louisville and the city are reversing the decline.

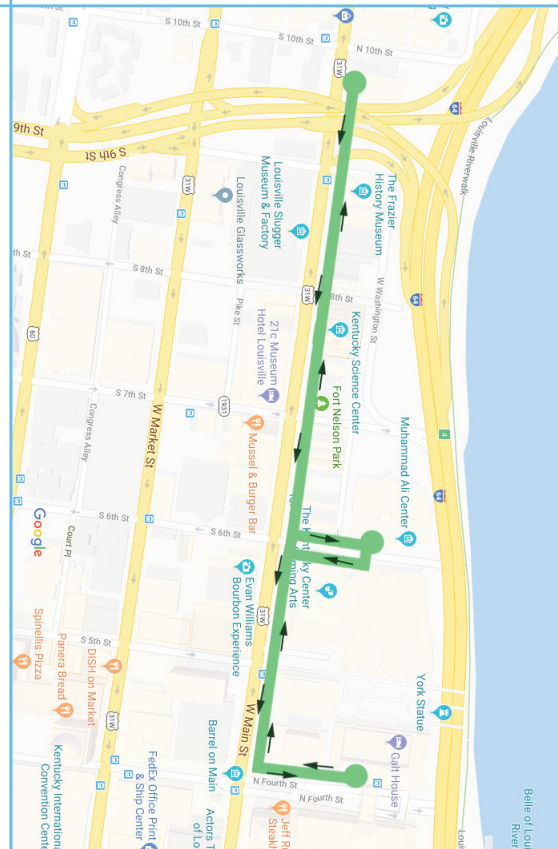
- In March, *Louisville Magazine* focused on the West End.
- Economic development projects are planned including the Beecher Terrace Redevelopment Project, which has received a \$265 million Choice Neighborhoods grant.
- Walt and Shae Smith, a young couple who live in the Russell area, have a blog called *West of Ninth* to highlight the beauty of the people and the area.
- Strong families, proud history, active churches, beautiful parks, committed leaders and innovative people are the strengths of west Louisville.
- The River City Drum Corps is making a name for itself.
- Simmons College is dedicated to educating students in the urban context through strong academic and professional programs to be productive citizens and agents of change in society.

1. Dan Crutcher, *Louisville Magazine*, March 2018, 65.



THE MARCH ROUTE

The march convenes in the lobby of the Rivue (west) Tower of the Galt House, where Mayor Fischer and our national vice moderator for justice and peace, Wanda Beauman, will speak. We will march south to Main St., then march west on the north side of Main to just past Ninth St. (The city has asked us **not** to march on the south side of Main because of sewer work.) Water will be provided at Ninth St.. The march will return on the north side of Main. The route is just under two miles. Feel free to move at your own pace. There will be volunteers to assist anyone needing help. At Sixth St., marchers will turn left to the Ali Center where the PC(USA)'s Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson II will speak. The march will return to Main and complete the route to the Galt House. Thank you for joining us.



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STEPPING OUT FOR JUSTICE & PEACE



THE 9TH STREET DIVIDE

Building community, not walls.

Racial segregation of the past has left lasting scars in communities all over the nation. In many cases, urban renewal of the 60s only made things worse, wiping out progress in African American communities and further isolating communities. Discriminatory lending practices reinforced economic disadvantage and social disparities. Transforming racism into reconciliation requires recognition, repentance and reparation. Let's get started!

August 3, 2018

4:45–6:15 PM

Galt House to Ninth, back to Ali Center



Beyond the Divide

As we planned this march, Dianne White, a member of Shawnee Presbyterian Church, said, "I've heard people say, 'I don't do double digits.'" What?! "I don't *do* double digits!" You don't go beyond Ninth Street? Yes, that's what they mean! Privilege allows some people to avoid parts of town where other people without that privilege live!

Do *you* do double digits? Do you know people in other parts of town? Does your church partner with a church in another part of your city? Have you gone to an event or visited a park in an unfamiliar part of town? You know that good people live everywhere. You must also know that forces unseen have created disadvantage in some areas. When we cross the divide to build community, we are often surprised by the grace-filled results. Read on for a wonderful example.

Shawnee PC and Harvey Browne PC (on the other end of town) have a partnership that began about 10 years ago as a pulpit exchange. Diane says, "One day, about three years ago, I had a conversation with a member of HB about the angst that African American mothers feel when advising their sons on what to do if stopped by the police. She realized how different her advice to her son was and asked how they could help. We formed a Beyond the Pulpit Committee with members of Shawnee and Harvey Browne. Born from this partnership, we have sponsored a racial reconciliation workshop with over 100 people in attendance, a bystander training and lunch at a local restaurant in the West End where we had casual fellowship with people we wouldn't normally eat with. We meet on a regular basis to plan next steps. This partnership has been a blessing for both congregations."

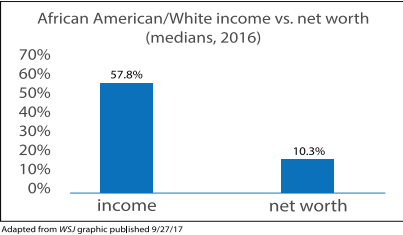
The legacy of discrimination

Redlining

Jerrold Laber explains: "Redlining was a federal policy beginning in the New Deal era that prevented black Americans and immigrants from obtaining loans for homes in certain neighborhoods. The Home Owners' Loan Corporation would take maps of major metropolitan cities and use a color scheme to signal a neighborhood's relative riskiness when it came to home loans. Intuitively, the highest risk neighborhoods were demarcated in red." The effect of redlining was to concentrate poverty in certain areas and lock folks into it. Read Laber's March 27, 2018, story "The Legacy of Housing Discrimination Still Haunts Minorities" at www.planetizen.com. Also read Richard Rothstein's *The Color of Law*, and see Empower West's excellent op ed in the *Louisville Courier-Journal* entitled "Empower West: Mayor Fischer, here's how Louisville can begin to repair the damage of racism."

Economic depression

In September 2017, the *Wall Street Journal* published a story called "The ongoing legacy of discrimination in one very disturbing graph" by Jared Bernstein. The author noted that in 2016, median income for African Americans was just below 60 percent (\$35,400/\$61,200) of median incomes for European Americans. The analogous ratio for wealth was 10 percent (\$17,600/\$171,000). The ratios for Hispanics were very similar. . . What does this mean? For one, wealth should be considered partly a legacy variable. When Billie Holiday sang, 'Them that's got shall get,' she meant that wealth begets wealth, through obvious channels, including inheritance, opportunity, neighborhoods, schooling, networks and so on" (Jared Bernstein, *WSJ*, September 27, 2017).



Food deserts

A food desert is an urban area in which it is difficult to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food. The ability to produce one's own food is limited and there is a lack of grocery stores, farmers' markets, and healthy food providers, and people with low incomes may not have easy access to other areas.

Bias and low expectations

Learn the devastating effect that discrimination based on arbitrary assumptions had on students in Jane Elliott's classroom during the exercise "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes." This exercise demonstrates how demoralizing prejudice and discrimination are to those who experience them on the receiving end. Visit <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/karinabland/2017/11/17/blue-eyes-brown-eyes-jane-elliotts-exercise-race-50-years-later/860287001/>

RESTAURANTS IN THE AREA

- Addis Grill • 101 S. 4th St.
- Angie's Home Cooking • 2622 W. Broadway***
- Bearno's • 131 W. Main St.
- Common Table • 2234 W. Market***
- Corner Rest/Bar • 102 W. Main
- Dishone Coffee and Sandwich Shop • 2001 W. Broadway***
- Doc Crow's • 127 W. Main St.
- Down One • 321 W. Main St.
- Farm to Fork Catering and Cafe • 2425 W. Portland Ave.***
- Flo's House of Soul • 3400 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.***
- Intermezzo Cafe (Galt House)
- Jeff Ruby's • 325 W. Main St.
- Milkwood • 315 W. Main St.
- Morton's • 626 W. Main St.
- Mussel & Burger • 113 S. 7th St.
- Nancy's Bagels • 104 W. Main
- Patrick O'Shea's • 123 W. Main
- Porch Kitchen & Bar • 280 W. Jeff
- Proof on Main • 702 W. Main St.
- Rivue (Galt House, Rivue Tower)
- Roof Top Grill • 708 Louis Coleman***
- Saffron's • 131 W. Market
- Sidebar • 129 N. 2nd St.
- Southern Hospitality Bar and Grill • 3402 W. Bdwy***
- The Table • 1809 Portland Ave.***
- Troll Pub • 150 W. Washington

* West End. The Table is a nonprofit that operates under a pay-what-you-can model. Everyone is welcome, and we provide creative payment solutions for all.



ABOUT STAYING HYDRATED

We encourage you to bring your refillable stainless steel PW water bottle with you, unless you need your hands for a sign. There will be cups of water at Ninth Street. We ask that if you bring bottled water, you carry your bottle back to the nearest recycling bin.

March partners

- Empower West
- Louisville Coalition for CEDAW
- Louisville Mayor's Office
- Louisville Metro Council
- Louisville Office for Women
- Muhammad Ali Center
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Presbyterian Women, Shawnee Presbyterian Church
- Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries, PC(USA)
- Simmons College of Kentucky

