

Memorializing History. A student-led effort is examining the need for a memorial for slavery and other aspects of racialized history.

Questions for group: How should such a memorial(s) be developed? Would a Community-University design competition be useful?

Orientations for Student Volunteers. UCARE students are working with Madison House (the University clearinghouse for student volunteers) to improve understanding of local history and cultural competency.

Questions for group: What key elements of University-Community history should be included?

Repair

Networking Meetings. UCARE has been asked to help collect information and encourage networking of individuals and organizations who work for racial equity. Two networking meetings have been held to date that have allowed for people from the Community and University to meet one another, share information, and coordinate actions.

Questions for group: How can we increase the attendance and productivity of these meetings? What Community and University institutions could partner to continue such meetings? What topics should be considered?

Relationship

Dialogue on Race. The kick-off of this City-led initiative is December 5. The Dialogue is intended to ‘*identify problems and propose concrete solutions and paths to action that promote racial reconciliation, economic justice and equity*’. (see <http://www.charlottesville.org/Index.aspx?page=2554>)

Questions for group: How can the university community be actively engaged in this effort? Should there be an effort to recruit specific individuals at UVA to participate in the Dialogue, and if so, who?

Communication

Engaging University administration. UCARE has been meeting with and listening to a variety of individuals and groups in the community. Consistent, clear messages come from many sectors about the importance of the University in areas such as employment and affordable housing.

Questions for group: What are the most important core messages? How can we help bring these perspectives, concerns and needs to those whose decisions impact this community?

UCARE web site. Given the interest in UCARE being a clearinghouse for actions for racial equity, how can that best be accomplished? What should the web site include?