

Targeting the Injustices SUMMIT



FAQs

What's the summit? A day-long forum to create the infrastructure for achieving racial justice in our community. The summit isn't about hope. It's about action.

How will the summit do this? By focusing on the work that must happen in the days, weeks, months and years after the summit. The summit is best understood as a launchpad for igniting constructive, sustainable activism.

Who is the summit for? Everyone who has a heart for social justice. It's for all races and ethnicities. It's for young adults, middle-aged adults and older adults. It's for city dwellers and suburbanites. It's for English speakers and bilingual speakers. It's for rich and poor and everyone in between. We hope to draw 1,000 people.

What will happen at the summit? A keynote speaker will kick off the Saturday event. The day will feature three, 45-minute sessions focused on how racism has shaped Lancaster, how to end systemic injustices, and how to supercharge advocacy. Attendees will have opportunities to meet with advocacy organizations and sign up for work that excites them. A concert will conclude the day.

Who's the keynote speaker? We are raising funds to bring Meek Mill to Lancaster. Mill is a Philadelphia musical artist popular with young adults of color. He has a dramatic story to tell about his mistreatment by the justice system. He co-founded Reform Alliance, a nonprofit working on national criminal justice reform. We highly recommend the five-part documentary, "Free Meek," streaming on Amazon Prime.

When is the summit? Probably Spring 2023. The venue is still to be determined.

What is CMCL's role? The Dismantling Racism Committee endorsed the summit as a way to collaborate with other congregations and groups to change the status quo. CMCLers Jeff Hawkes and Deb Napolitan are part of the 11-member summit steering committee.