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## **MADISON TEACHERS UNION HOSTING ‘SOLIDARITY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE’ SERIES**

*Professional Development Opportunities for Madison Teachers & Staff*

MTI-CENTRS, a project under Madison Teachers Inc., is offering a *Solidarity for Social Justice* series which includes book groups, monthly Solidarity for Racial Justice Saturdays, and sponsorships for educators to attend local and national social justice community-based trainings. The series offers targeted support to teachers and staff as they examine and work to dismantle both historic and current impacts of racism in our schools.

### **2019-20 Solidarity for Social Justice Series:**

- December 7 – Planning Session for Black Lives Matter in Schools Week of Action
- January 11 – Combating Implicit Bias and Microaggressions
- Feb 22 – Why Restorative Justice?
- March 7 – Understanding White Privilege and Fragility
- May 16 – Racial Equity Tools and Activism

MTI-CENTRS (Collaboration to Ensure New Teacher Retention and Success) is a national, joint labor/management collaborative. By supporting teachers’ professional growth towards becoming anti-racist educators, we aim to impact effectiveness, satisfaction and thus retention. The project is grant funded through an NEA Great Public Schools Grant.

MTI-CENTRS in tandem with MTI believes:

o Public schools have a moral responsibility to provide a quality education, broad and equitable in nature, to all students with no exceptions, exclusions or disparities.

o As an organization of professionals, we have the capability and responsibility to provide resources, training and support to members.

o We also strongly believe that every member's voice matters, and our organization is committed to a structure that allows these voices to be heard.

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