

Can We Talk?

A Community Conversation between Community Leaders and the Cleveland Police

Tuesday, December 16, 2014
7:00– 9:00 p.m.

West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church
20401 Hilliard Blvd. Rocky River, OH 44140

The recent deaths of Michael Brown, Tamir Rice and Eric Garner has demonstrated to the nation how deep racism effects law enforcement and how mistrustful both the community and the police are with one another. You are invited to a community conversation and dialogue as Dr. Ronnie Dunn, Mr. Joe Worthy and two representatives of the Cleveland Police Force about how people of color perceive the police; how the experience of racism has affected their lives in interacting with the police; and the struggles and concerns of the police community—their training, their fears and their hopes for the future of law enforcement in Cleveland.



Dr. Ronnie Dunn received a Ph.D. in Urban Studies at Cleveland State University in 2004. His research and teaching interests include racial and social justice, crime and the criminal justice system, policing, diversity and issues affecting minorities and the urban poor. His community service includes: Commissioner, the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority; member, NAACP Legal Redress Committee; board member, The Honor Project Trust; member, Citizens for a Safe & Fair Cleveland and the Greater Cleveland Congregations.

Mr. Joseph Worthy is the Children's Defense Fund's National Coordinator of Youth Leadership and Development. He is responsible for curriculum development and evaluation of CDF's Young Advocate Leadership Training (YALT) program. Based in his native Cleveland, he also works to expand the CDF Freedom Schools program and recruit YALT participants in Ohio.