

Summit Purpose

To report to the community on the work of the issue groups.

To help folk understand how what we are doing here relates to the national issues and to solicit their participation.



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Dialogue On Race



Alleviating Racism in Montgomery County

4th Annual
Dialogue on Race (DOR)
Community Summit
(Montgomery County, VA)

Saturday, January 16, 2016
10 am to 2 pm

Crosspointe Conference Center, 900 Life Drive, Christiansburg, VA

Program: Morning

0930	Registration & Coffee	Sponsors: <i>The Community Group; Montgomery County Board of Supervisors; Dialogue on Race Steering Group; VT's Institute for Policy and Governance, Race and Social Policy Research Center (VT), & Center for the Study of Rhetoric in Society (CSRS)</i>
1000	Welcome: Introductions to Summit and DOR Overview	Penny Franklin, <i>Dialogue on Race Steering Group</i> ; President, <i>Community Group & New Mountain Climbers Giving Circle</i>
1015	Issue Groups Reports	
	<i>Education</i>	Martha Ann Stallings
	<i>Employment / Income Gap</i>	Jim Dubinsky
	<i>Jim Crow / White Privilege</i>	Debbie Lee-Sherman
	<i>Law Enforcement</i>	Wornie Reed
	<i>Limited Presence</i>	Susan Anderson

Dr. John Coski is author of *The Confederate Battle Flag: America's Most Embattled Emblem*. The book looks at the flag's history and the various meanings attached to it. Some people view it as a symbol of white supremacy and racial injustice; others think it represents a rich Southern heritage. Dr. Coski is Historian and Director of Research and Publications, Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, VA.

The Museum of the Confederacy opened in the former Confederate capital of Richmond in 1896 as the Confederate Museum. One of Richmond's oldest museums, it is the only institution in Virginia that began as a Confederate shrine and transformed itself into a modern history museum. The museum was a preservation effort on two levels: it rescued from destruction the former Confederate executive mansion and displayed in the mansion's rooms the artifacts—"relics" as they were called in the 1890s—of Confederate soldiers and civilians from the American Civil War (1861–1865) and the postwar Lost Cause era.

Program: Afternoon

1130	Lunch	Sponsors: <i>The Community Group and the New Mountain Climbers Giving Circle</i>
1230	Panel on the Confederate Battle Flag: Symbol of Heritage or Hatred?	Wornie Reed , Director of Race and Social Policy Research Center & John Coski , Historian and Director of Research and Publications, Museum of the Confederacy

