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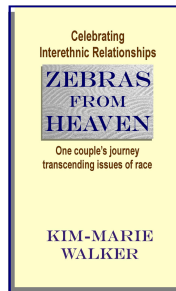
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2008 - 2009 Seminar/Workshop Series

Zebras from Heaven: Celebrating Interethnic Relationships (2 or 4 Hour Seminar/Workshop)™

(Based on the book *Zebras from Heaven, Celebrating Interethnic Relationships* by Kim-Marie Walker - Book Included)



"Being in a mixed relationship or marriage is no guarantee that interpersonal communication will be free from racially charged stresses.

Outwardly your union may look like racial harmony.

However, if your relationship lacks authentic intimacy, you may discover that ingrained social, cultural, or generational beliefs hinder a deeper understanding of your loved one."— Excerpt from *Zebras from Heaven* book

This seminar is a safe-haven to explore race-centric baggage that may prohibit intimacy and authentic communication between couples in interethnic (interracial) relationships and marriage.

Purpose

Workshop participants will explore identifying race-centric baggage that keeps them stuck in old racial patterns or paradigms.

For the purposes of this workshop, race-centric baggage refers to beliefs, fears, behaviors and attitudes that come with the experience of living in a dynamically changing, yet racist, white-privileged world.

When you change the way you think about race, you change the dynamic race has played as a divisive social construct.

People in interethnic relationships can play a pivotal role in transforming race-consciousness.

But in order to create new paradigms, shouldn't we explore old habits and beliefs about race?

Workshop Methodology

Participants will use the power of listening, respectful inquiry, and dialogue, rather than right/wrong assertions or debate.

Participants will use self-inquiry techniques to explore queries such as: Does talking about race or racist incidents create tension in my relationship?

What race-centric beliefs, fears, attitudes or behaviors no longer serve me? What beliefs are healthy? Unhealthy? What stories about race do I tell myself? What stories do I want to pass on to the next generation?

Participants should come prepared to do some introspective work and to interact with other participants.

Zebras from Heaven, Celebrating Interethnic Relationships:
One couple's journey transcending issues of race by Kim-Marie Walker © 2007
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Zebras from Heaven Seminar/Workshop Facilitator

Kim-Marie Walker's ancestral roots are a mixture of African American, Native American Indian- Creek Tribe, and possibly Anglo-European American. She is married to an American male whose mixed ancestry is Pennsylvania Dutch, French, Scottish, and Choctaw Indian.



Society would simply say "She's black, he's white". Therein lays the challenge for 21st century interethnic couples.

Married 18 years, Walker's been there. Now she's ready to share. Components of this seminar are modeled after a 1992 workshop designed for high school students dating outside their ethnic, cultural, or racial heritage.

Ms. Walker is an author/writer, musician, and publisher/producer.

As CEO of **onyx communications®**, Walker offers technical writing services and creative works (books, cds, seminars) for well being and building community.

An international consultant and geoscientist of 20 years, (geology, satellite remote sensing, and geographic information systems), she is published internationally; and has developed and presented diverse seminars such as '*Microcomputers for Women*' in the 1980s and '*Emerging Airborne Multispectral Technologies*' in the 1990s.

With training in dialogue facilitation, community leadership, and nonprofit board governance, Kim-Marie is an activist & organizer volunteering time and skills toward building communities that respect ethnic and cultural diversity.

Creative Works by Kim-Marie, Published & Distributed by **onyx communications®**:

Zebras from Heaven, Celebrating Interethnic Relationships.

One Couple's Journey Transcending Issues of Race © 2007

Whispers, Shadows, and Seashells, Vol. I: Poems, Essays, and Stories © 2008

Sanctuary, for women moving towards menopause & beyond © 2005 (Compact disc with original music, meditation, journaling, inner awareness, and affirmation explorations)

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Evolving Blackness: Letting Go of Race-Centric Baggage