



# Lace on Race Newsletter

May 2021

*Our North Star*

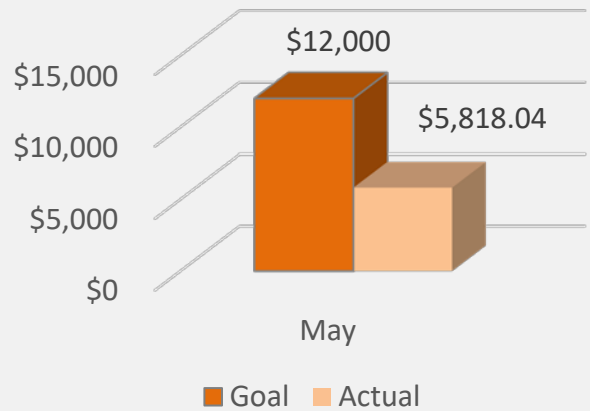
**TO LESSEN AND MITIGATE THE HARM  
ENDURED BY BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE  
PERPETUATED BY WHITE PEOPLE  
AND WHITE SUPREMACY**

## COMMUNITY & NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Check it out!  
[Community Guidelines](#)

Register and join us at  
[Lace on Race Café](#)

## MAY UPDATE



PayPal: [paypal.me/LaceonRace](https://paypal.me/LaceonRace)

**We believe**  
 that communities  
 should take care  
 of each other,  
 and that those who are challenged and  
 stretched should have skin in the game  
 and financially engage.

# LACE ON RACE FEATURED POSTS

## HESED REMINDER – REQUIRED COMMITMENT TO ENGAGE

**WE ARE NEW PEOPLE DOING NEW THINGS IN NEW WAYS! YOU ARE LOVINGLY BEING CALLED IN – NEW NORMS APPLY. ENGAGE IN LACE ON RACE CAFÉ, CROSS-POST, RESPOND TO AT LEAST 2 COMMUNITY MEMBERS & SHARE TO YOUR NETWORKS.**

**Note:** You will need to sign-in to the Lace on Race website to access the links.

### Pride Month and Erasure, Co-Optation and Appropriation of the Black Liberation Struggle

Early June Ask: Part I and Part II

Commentary for ‘to choose love is to choose death’

Remembrance and George Floyd: Part I and Part II

Videos: Racism and the Chronic Disease of White Supremacy and Chatting with Lace at her Kitchen Table

## KEY POSTS TO VISIT & REVISIT

STARTER POSTS
<u>Guideline Videos</u>
<u>Community Onboarding</u>
<u>Relational Ethics</u>
<u>Obstacles to Growth &amp; Community</u>
<u>Encouragement, Exhortation &amp; the Can't</u>
<u>React, Emojis &amp; Engagement</u>
<u>White Woman &amp; Oppression</u>
<u>Critical Discussion Posts</u>
<u>Hope &amp; Vision</u>

# CHEF ' S TABLE & SUSTAINERS CIRCLE

## Chef's Table:

*Chef's Table at the Lace on Race Café is a forum for walkers who are ready to work deeper, harder and faster in service to our North Star. Walkers invited to this table will have demonstrated relentless reliability; resilience through lumpy crossings; dedicated financial engagement (of any capacity); and high levels of community participation. [Chef's Table Self-Evaluation Form](#)*

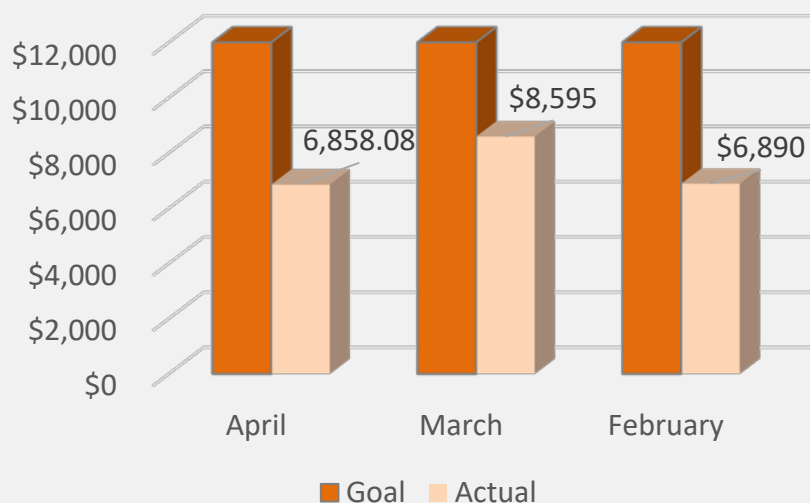
## Sustainers Circle:

*A sustainer is someone who has consistently been in the Lace on Race community for six months or more and is committed to financially sustaining this space and reliably engaging in the community. [Sustainer Application](#)*

## Sustainer-in-Training:

*If you have not yet met Sustainer criteria due to the six-month active community member requirement and are still interested in becoming a Sustainer, please fill out our [Sustainer-in-Training Form](#).*

## PREVIOUS FINANCIAL ENGAGEMENT



***To community walkers who have and continue to financially engage, we give thanks. It's your generosity that allows Lace on Race to act in concert with our ethos.***

# LACE ON RACE MENTAL & EMOTIONAL HEALTH FUND

*This fund will allow Black and Brown women to find time for themselves in authentic, healing self-care. To be able to stop, reflect, to rest. To be able to grieve, to mourn, to commiserate. To experience playfulness and joy, while cherishing one another and themselves.*

*Monthly engagement goal is to disburse up to \$1,000 from this fund.*

**To Apply**  
**To Contribute**

# LOR MERCH



**Menu Order Form**

## FEATURED COMMUNITY PARTNERS



### **Creative Justice**

**Headquartered in Seattle, WA**

*Creative Justice builds community with youth most impacted by the school-to-prison-(to-deportation) pipeline. Participants and mentor artists work together to examine the root cause of incarceration, like racism and other forms of oppression, creating art that articulates the power and potential of our communities.*

***Engagement: \$1,000***



### **Pillars of the Community**

**Headquartered in San Diego, CA**

*Pillars of the Community is committed to celebrating the historic, rich and diverse culture of Southeast San Diego. We strive to counter the criminalization of our community through community organizing, leadership development and strategic partnerships. Our vision is for a healthy and thriving community which reflects the rich and diverse culture of all its members.*

***Engagement: \$1,000***



So, things are opening up here in my corner of San Diego; there was church in the park, with plans to open the sanctuary in two scant weeks. So long as you stayed in place in your chair or blanket and stayed with your pod (aka family) you could keep your mask off. So, I got to see, off in the distance, all the families and individuals who make up our fellowship. Most faces I had seen only in Zoom, and some not at all, but there they were, familiar as always, like it had been just yesterday that I had seen Elise and Kathryn; Mona Jean; Bernard and Roberta; they looked the same; sat the same; were the same. COVID didn't erase character and heart and commitment.

There was cautious singing; though most of us mouthed the words, scared to breathe out and possibly harm the back of someone's head 6 feet away with our droplets. We were scared--scared for ourselves, but also scared for the people we love. We were scared to commune and connect, yes, but not so scared not to come. No hugs or even elbow bumps; loving eyes above masks were the most we could do, and we made the best of it.

We took cautious and informed risks. We (inwardly) exhaled as we saw each new family and person pull up in minivans and sedans and SUVs and even a couple motorcycles. We are still here. We are still here. Our songs are the same. Our concerns, different, but ya, the same. Aches and pains; and family strife; and mothers in Montana, and kids graduating, and fingers crossed for interviews and medical test results.

The last 18 months have scared and scarred us. But we have not been deterred. The small risk we take as we let our masks down (only for a moment!) so someone could see our smiles; choosing to inoculate because that means we will be able to be in sanctuary together (in however modified a form) in two weeks. We are changed people, with our masks, some of which show our personalities and interests--paisley! SD Padres! SDSU! Grinder! (this one sounds X rated, but I promise it's really not--it's an iconic sandwich shop in Lemon Grove).

Revealing and disclosing and risking, even as we mask and protect. So, it is here with us here at Lace on Race. It has been a hard few months for us too; and not because (or only because) of COVID.

Our virus/crisis was emotional/ethical/metaphorical, but, like COVID, it has had lasting effects. As our community emerges from the worst of it, masks on! (see the video) but still vulnerable; protective (of each other as much as for ourselves) but choosing to risk. Confronting and containing damage, mourning the loss of some; rejoicing in the addition of many more, we have shown our new people, and have reinforced for each other, who we were before our crisis of February, who we are in the here and now as we smile and reach out over our masks, and who we will be when we can sing with full throat and hug with abandon.

For those of you with blankets spread out in our virtual orchard, intimate and vulnerable and courageous and resilient and reliable--and relentless--we take this morning to rest in the shade of the trees we have nurtured; some for three years, some for three months or weeks or days or even hours--and then we lace up our shoes (here in SoCal we slide on our flip flops).

And then we take the risk of continuing to walk shoulder to shoulder and eye to eye toward our North Star. We keep each other safe-ish, and we never waver, and we share our blankets and orangeade.

Let's open up.

With all Hesed Love,  
Your Lace



[Check Me Out!](#)