

## Anti-Racism Organization Has Reached Over 12,000 Participants

New allies from the worlds of business, academia, law enforcement and civil society fueled growing momentum over the last quarter of 2022.

**March 27, 2023** — As 2022 drew to a close, the powerful, personal anti-racism activation experience known as <u>A Long Talk About The Uncomfortable Truth</u> expanded its reach to include over 10,000 participants across the nation.

The organization, which began hosting conversations in June of 2020, continues to build and sustain relationships with college athletics programs, while forging exciting new partnerships with businesses, healthcare providers, law enforcement, and religious and civic groups.

"Every quarter we're not only reaching new partners, but entire new sectors in business, reflecting the growing momentum of this urgent and compelling message," said Kyle Williams, Chief Empowerment Officer of A Long Talk. "Through our conversations we're empowering leaders to be more effective and confident anti-racists. The goal is for them to stay engaged in consistent, courageous, continuous actions that oppose racism. By helping them reach out to peers and colleagues with facts and encouragement, we begin to build the foundation for cultivating a culture of anti-racism in every space they occupy."

A quick overview of A Long Talk's work in the last quarter of 2022:

- Corporates and Healthcare: Great American Restaurants and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia became the latest corporate and healthcare partners to join the anti-racism conversation. They join a growing list of partners in these categories including Deutsche Investments, LinkedIn, and Inova.
- Colleges and Universities: In the last quarter of 2022 A Long Talk continued to expand its footprint in higher education, where its pioneering anti-racism activation journey began. Conversations in the fall semester reached hundreds of student athletes, coaches, admissions officers, and general student bodies at Duke University, University of Pittsburgh, Haverford College, Kenyon College, James Madison University, CSU Sacramento, University of Washington, and Shippensburg University, along with separate sessions for the Ivy League Conference and 2022 IWLCA Convention Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association.
- Catholic Priests & The Church : A Long Talk's urgent ethical message is resonating with religious groups, reflected in growing participation by laity and clergy. In the last quarter of 2022 the program reached spiritual audiences with the **Iowa-Sioux City Diocese Clergy Day** and the **Lower Susquehanna Synod**, reaffirming their commitment to the pursuit of equity through living faith and active anti-racism.

• Public schools: A Long Talk continued to find an eager audience among public educators in the fourth quarter, through engagement experiences with the Oregon School Boards Association, New Mexico Public Education Department Executive Leadership, and Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School. Previous work has included sessions with Baltimore City Public Schools, Pennsylvania's Quaker Valley School District, and Moorestown Township Public Schools in New Jersey.

## About A Long Talk About The Uncomfortable Truth

A Long Talk About The Uncomfortable Truth is a transformational experience that produces active anti-racists through the power of conversation. The experiential approach hosts inclusive and constructive talk sessions that give participants the opportunity to become educated, inspired, and empowered to take concrete actions to combat racism; to help non-racists get off the sidelines and become active anti-racists. Once activated, participants are supported by an active learning community of people who've planted their flag on the right side of history. To tune into this special session or to request the services of A Long Talk, <u>visit alongtalk.com</u>.

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Thank you to all of our Q4 participants: