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Here are some Ohio-specific post-rally ideas:

-Assemble your PERSONAL faith/mission statement that fuels your anti-racism ministry. Be prepared to share and demonstrate how your identity guides your anti-racist involvement, interest, and aspirations (It is good for "mainliners" to engage in such personal reflections and sharing of stories. Corporate statements are good, yet personal stories have the unique ability to convey God's transformative love to people in ways that can release them from the bondage of privilege, passivity and the always non-helpful notion of colorblindness);

-Study the legislative issues that reflect racist sentiment and have the power to derail justice for People of Color and the poor. Remember, not all acts of racism involve racist epithets and burning crosses; some acts involve the racially-biased use of institutional power, and support of gerrymandering, red-lining, predatory lending, death penalty sentencing, law enforcement militarization and biased policing/shootings, and more. Form clear, anti-racist positions/statements on these issues and share them through contact (telephone calls, letters and petitions) with the offices of local, state and federal lawmakers about them. Connect with the Ohio Council of Churches for counsel on legislative matters;

-Join and participate in the Ohio Poor People's Campaign

<https://poorpeoplescampaign.org/>;



In observance of the lasting impact of Dr. King's ministry, Trinity Church Wall Street in New York City is offering a new video curriculum free of charge.

*Martin Luther King Jr.: Epistles & Prophets* brings together an interview with Civil Rights icon and theologian Ruby Sales and expert speakers exploring contemporary black/white relationships through writings by James Baldwin, Thomas Merton, and King that resonate powerfully today.

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Get good working definitions of racism, white supremacy, white privilege, systemic oppression, red-lining, gentrification, and other race-focused terms;

Learn what the Black Lives Matter movement is, and what it is not;

Study - Read books such as (but not limited to) "A Black Theology of Liberation," by James Cone; "The New Jim Crow," by Michelle Alexander; "Just Mercy," by Bryan Stevenson; and, "Between the World and Me," By Ta-Nehisi Coates;

Describe the anti-racist work of Dr. King as essential, required ministry of the church;

Commit to ongoing anti-racism training - not diversity or sensitivity training but anti-racism training;