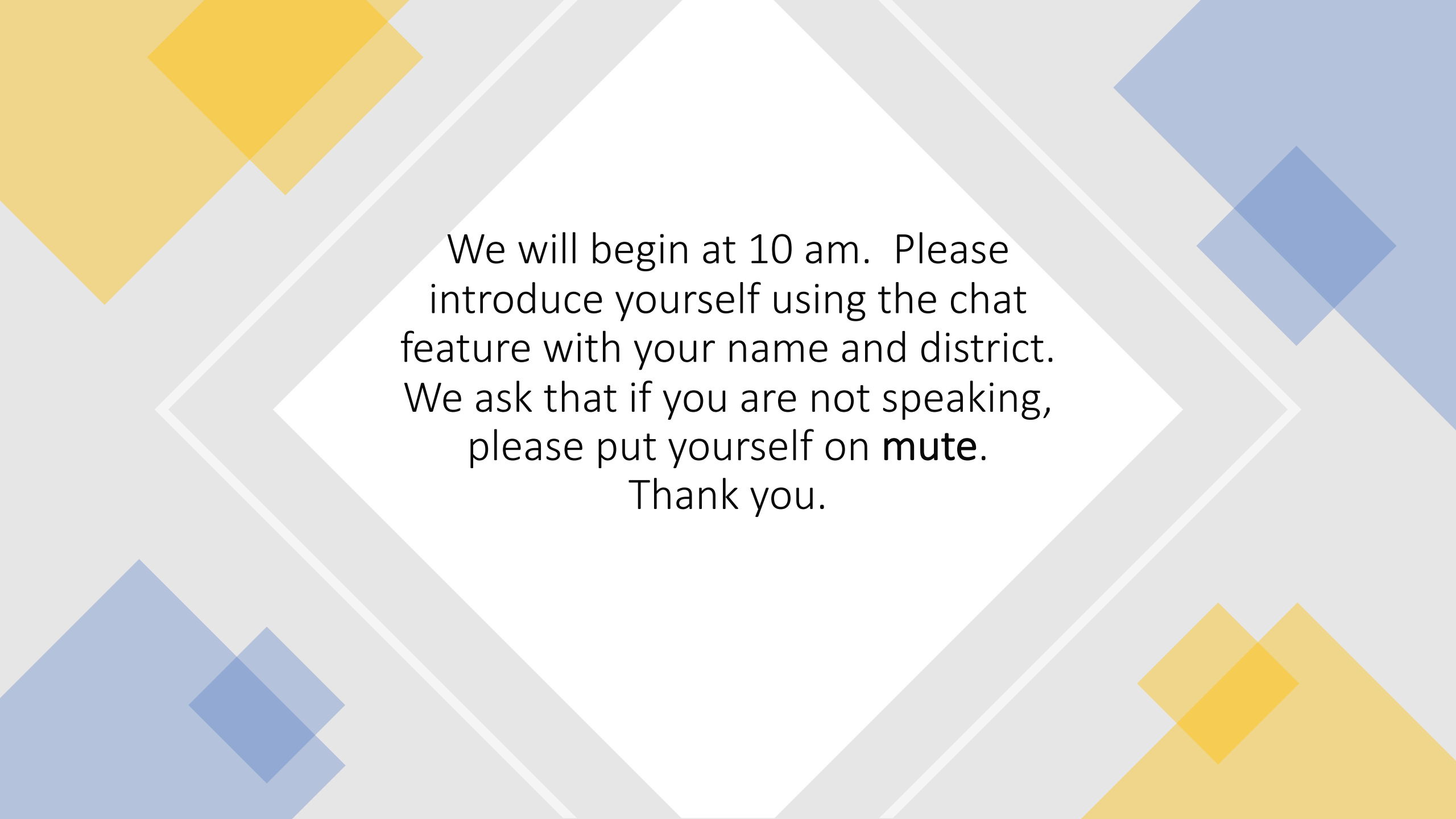


Because We Believe

North Georgia Conference United
Women in Faith
Charter for Racial Justice Book Review



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We will begin at 10 am. Please introduce yourself using the chat feature with your name and district. We ask that if you are not speaking, please put yourself on **mute**. Thank you.

***Because We Believe* Charter for Racial Justice Book Review**

“So You Want to Talk About Race?”

Agenda

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Sisterhood of Grace

Charter for Racial Justice

Charter Responsive Reading

Introduction of Rev. Tonya Miles

Book Discussion

Questions

Invitation for follow-up

Benediction

Stephanie Dressler, NGCUWF President

Choong-Hee Lee, NGCUWF Korean Language Coordinator

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Sisterhood of Grace Covenant

As a community of women organized for mission, it is important that we be the creative, supportive fellowship espoused in the United Women of Faith Purpose. In that spirit, these guidelines – often referred to as “ground rules – provide a framework to ensure open, respectful dialogue and maximum participation to share, pray, learn and listen together.

- Be mindful of our interrelatedness with one another and all of God’s creation – celebrate diversity and practice sustainability
- Listen actively – with head and heart
- Speak from your own experience
- Participate to your level of comfort
- Be aware of body language
- Respect confidentiality
- Expect unfinished business – both discomfort and joy



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CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Because we believe:

That God is the Creator of all people, and all are God's children in one family;

Because we believe:

That racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ;

Because we believe:

That racism denies the redemption and reconciliation of Jesus Christ;

Because we believe:

That racism robs all human beings of their wholeness and is used as a justification for social, economic, environmental and political exploitation;

Because we believe:

That we must declare before God and before one another that we have sinned against our sister and brothers of other races in thought, in word and in deed;

Because we believe:

That in our common humanity in creation, all women and men are made in God's image, and all persons are equally valuable in the sight of God;

Because we believe:

That our strength lies in our racial and cultural diversity and that we must work toward a world in which each person's value is respected and nurtured;

Because we believe:

That our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings and new relationships, and must be reflected in the laws, policies, structures and practices of both church and state;

We commit ourselves as individuals and as a community to follow Jesus Christ in word and in deed, and to struggle for the rights and the self-determination of every person and group of persons

And may it be so.



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THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

**So you
want
to talk
about
race**

"Fascinating, real,
and necessary."
—THE ROOT

Ijeoma Oluo

Reverend Dr. Tonya Miles



Chaplain and Director of Religious Life,
Clark Atlanta University

And Now,

May the Lord torment you.

May the Lord keep before you the faces of the hungry,
the lonely, the rejected and the despised.

May the Lord afflict you with the pain for the hurt, the wounded, the
oppressed, the abused, and the victims of violence.

May God grace you with agony, a burning thirst for justice and
righteousness.

May the Lord give you courage and strength and compassion to make
ours a better world, to make your community a better community, to
make your church a better church.

And may you do your best to make it so, and after you have done your
best, may the Lord grant you *peace*.