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YWCA to Host Training Workshop on Race and Racism

BIRMINGHAM, AL., July 21, 2016 – In response to recent events across the country, YWCA Central Alabama will host **Face to Face with Race**, a workshop designed to empower leaders to start conversations about racism and current events. The event is open to the public and set for **Thursday, July 21, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the YWCA, 309 23rd Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203.**

Leaders from the nonprofit, civic, political, academic, faith-based and corporate worlds will participate in interactive and informative exercises during the gathering with a goal of fostering conversations, responding to questions, building bridges and bridging gaps in the workplace and beyond.

"As the nation mourns the loss of Alton Sterling, Philando Castile and five Dallas police officers, it is our hope that leaders will leave this workshop with the tools necessary to support their employees and counterparts by engaging in productive dialogue about race and racism," said Rebecca Harkless, coordinator of social justice programs for the YWCA.

Cost for the limited seating gathering is \$20, which includes lunch and resources to take away and share. Reservations are required and must be made by July 19. Cash and check payments will be received at the door.

For information or to reserve your spot, contact Rebecca Harkless at rharkless@ywcabham.org, 205.322.-9922 ext. 184 or 205.381.0915.

About the YWCA

The YWCA Central Alabama is a United Way organization that is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Since 1903, the YWCA Central Alabama has been responding to the needs of women, children and families by providing child development programs for children of homeless and working poor families; safe, affordable housing; a broad array of domestic violence services; and social justice programs. For more information, please visit www.ywcabham.org, www.facebook.com/YWCACentralAlabama and www.youtube.com/ywcentralal or follow @YWCentralAL on Twitter.

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