

## **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SHARED THE DAY WITH US!!**

The First Presbyterian Church of Rome is sponsoring “A Day of Unity in Our Community” on Saturday, January 21 from Noon until 3pm. Spokesperson for the event, Michelle Dolan, notes “Many local communities are doing “Sister Walks” to support the Women’s March on Washington and we wanted to expand on that. No matter who our next president is, we don’t want to miss the opportunity to call attention to social injustices and to come together for the good of our nation starting in our own community.”

The afternoon features guest speakers, music, ethnic food tasting and fair trade beverages, with several local organizations on hand to personally speak to those attending. Musical guests include Andrea Radesi, David Kolb and the Vienna Methodist Choir. “A Day of Unity in Our Community” is a free event and open to the public.

Guest speakers include host pastor, Reverend Sam Pendergrast, Taro Shimomura (internment camp survivor), and Brian Seetge of Sidekicks Family Karate who presents an anti-bullying seminar. Representatives from the Rome Police Department, Lucy's House Domestic Violence Safe Dwelling, the Samaritan Counseling Center, and the Utica Refugee Center will also be on hand.

Dolan says “We’ve tried to tailor the day’s event around a quote by Ann Lourde as we hope to highlight that our community ‘stands together in solidarity for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families – recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country.’ This is really a chance to get to know your neighbor” Attendees are invited to stay for the entire program or just segments that pique their interests.

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