Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible":
Film Screening and Discussion

On Friday, February 26, 2016, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, the North Parish of North Andover Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Taskforce, will present the film, "Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible." Following the screening, Rev. Wendy von Courter, Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church, in Marblehead, and a national leader in the UU racial justice movement, and Nikki Moore, a member of the Marblehead Racial Justice Team, will facilitate a conversation on themes from the film. The event is open to the public and free of charge. 190 Academy Road, North Andover, MA 01845.

"Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible," was produced by World Trust, an organization dedicated to addressing the challenges of diversity and inclusion. It includes personal stories revealing what is often required to move through the stages of denial, defensiveness, guilt, fear, and shame, into making a solid commitment to ending racial injustice.

The 50-minute film features leading activists for racial justice, including American anti-racism activist and writer Tim Wise and Peggy V. McIntosh, Associate Director at Wellesley Centers for Women. McIntosh gained notoriety for her work on white privilege, "Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack."
"It's so important we continue to show this film," says Rev. von Courter. "Some are turned off by the word 'privilege,' believing themselves to have led anything but privileged lives. But what this film does is help us see how entire systems privilege people who are white. It isn’t about blame or shame or whether we as individuals believe we are not racist or are 'colorblind.' It’s truly about understanding how the black experience in our country, our schools, our stores and our lives is very different solely based on the color of their skin. I encourage everyone to attend and learn more."

Rev. Wendy von Courter is a national leader in racial justice and human rights advocacy. She was a founding member and president of the Unitarian Universalist Allies for Racial Equity (ARE), served on the UUA Accessibilities Committee, and, currently serves as Co-chair of the UUA Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee. She is in her tenth year as Parish Minister of the Marblehead UU Congregation.

Nikki Moore is one of the founding members of the Marblehead Racial Justice Team, started and moderates the Marblehead Conversations on Racial Justice and co-facilitated the first showing of Making Whiteness Visible. Having brought up her children here in Marblehead she brings an awareness to what it is to be a Person of Color and parent of African American children in a majority white community. Nikki is committed to raising awareness and promoting opportunities that encourage diversity. She was a major force in getting Afro Flow Yoga to Marblehead last month and hopes to see it, and other diversity-promoting events, continue