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YWCA HARTFORD REGION TAKES A STAND AGAINST RACISM
with Keynote Speaker Reverend Sharon Risher

Hartford, CT – YWCA Hartford Region is partnering with Robinson & Cole to present Stand Against Racism featuring Reverend Sharon Risher on Friday, April 28, 2017 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at YWCA’s Administrative Offices on 135 Broad St. Hartford, CT. Stand Against Racism is a signature campaign of YWCA USA to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impact of institutional and structural racism in our communities.

Reverend Sharon Risher is the daughter of Ethel Lee Lance. Ethel Lee Lance was killed along with eight others, including two of Reverend Risher’s cousins and her childhood friend, in the Charleston, South Carolina shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17, 2015. Reverend Risher will talk about her personal experience losing loved ones to gun violence, racism, and hate in America, as well as the path to forgiveness and an offering of hope for tomorrow. The event is free and open to the public. Space is limited. Registration is available at <https://www.ywc Hartford.org>.

YWCA calls all individuals to join us in taking a Stand Against Racism between Thursday, April 27, and Sunday, April 30. Stand Against Racism will unite our community in a bold demonstration that delivers a clear message: we are on a mission to eliminate racism. Register to host your own Stand at <http://www.standagainstracism.org>. For local information, please contact Uneeder Ruth, YWCA Hartford Region at: (860) 525-1163, ext. 121 or email: UneederR@ywc Hartford.org.

About YWCA

YWCA Hartford Region is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen our community. YWCA Hartford Region is part of an international movement serving over 2 million in the United States and 25 million worldwide. For comprehensive information about this important work, go to: www.ywc Hartford.org and www.ywca.org.

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