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Many in America are calling for a national conversation on race. President Obama, in his famed speech on race in America in March 2008 prior to his election, said that the overt racism and hatred that surfaced during his campaign reflected “the complexities of race in this country that we’ve never really worked through -- a part of our union that we have yet to perfect .” A very distinct call for a national conversation on race came in 2009 from Attorney General Eric Holder, the first black attorney general of the United States. That radical plea went unanswered.

The Supper Club Project is an answer to this national racial dilemma. Supper clubs participating in the Project would consist of Christians of all ethnic backgrounds, sharing a covered dish meal and honest targeted conversation once a month for one year. The Project’s goal is to foster lasting relationships following a biblical reconciliation model. This model is typified by the building of trust and sensitivity, as well as the breaking down of racial and socioeconomic barriers. In this environment, past hurts can be healed and fears can be calmed. We can be free to be the Church of Jesus Christ, “that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus” and draw the world to our Lord as Reconciler, Restorer, and King.

Benefits of Racial Reconciliation Supper Clubs

- » Grow spiritually
- » Create an environment for healthy community development
- » Increase credibility and relevancy to the world
- » Please God

Take the Supper Club Challenge. Sign up for your Kit at 17Seeds.org today.

The Supper Club Kit

A practical resource for Supper Clubs participating in the Project. The members are individuals who want to begin and sustain a biblical dialogue on racism, justice, and reconciliation. The kit is free, downloadable from 17Seeds.org.

Each kit includes:

- » A Recommended Club Agreement
- » Suggested Meeting Outline
- » Tip Sheets
- » A Reconciliation Game
- » Recipes
- » A Bible Study
- » Suggested Reading List
- » Much more

About Linda Leigh Hargrove

Ms. Hargrove has co-led racial reconciliation discussion groups and conducted panels on racism in the church for more than a decade.

Her published writings include two novels: *The Making of Isaac Hunt* (June 2007) and *Loving Cee Cee Johnson* (September 2008). She blends suspense, humor, and faith into compelling stories about race and class in America.

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