

ANOTHER CONVERSATION ABOUT RACE!

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A Letter to the Editor:

First we had President Obama's speech on race when he was a candidate, and then we watched the events leading up to the so-called "Beer Summit."

Now we have Shirley Sherrod who dared to share powerful personal learning experiences in her life. How refreshing and how meaningful for us all.

In the full video of her remarks, she shared a deeply personal journey.

We can all learn a lot from this gracious attempt to share a lifetime of learning experiences and a powerful message of racial reconciliation.

We know that the more contact people who are different have with each other, the better they then view each other. Talking, sharing and listening bring understanding and respect. Contact breeds knowledge. Conversation enhances understanding. Shared experience brings empathy.

At the American Conference on Diversity, we work with schools, businesses and other organizations to help people understand, respect, gain knowledge and empathy. These learnings make each of us better people, better leaders and better citizens.

We can all learn from Shirley Sherrod's journey. And we should.