Our differences are what makes each of us unique. But at times, they can be used to isolate us. Race is one of those differences and a part of how we understand the world today. In 2010, Michele Norris, a reporter for NPR, set out to find people's experiences, questions, hopes, dreams, laments, or observations about race and identity. She encouraged people to condense their thoughts into six word stories and submit them on postcards. Today you can find her project at www.TheRaceCardProject.com.

In the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Union Project community came together in January 2015 to talk about our differences and celebrate them through group activities. One of those activities was our version of The Race Card Project. Participants were invited to share their stories about race. Some chose to read them out loud, and the community repeated their words back to them, validating their experience publicly.

We invite you to participate by writing your own Six Word Story. Just follow the directions below!

A. Here are some questions to consider: How do I think about race? How do I self identify? What experiences have impacted me? What hopes and dreams do I have about race?

B. Condense your thoughts into six words. It can be serious, funny, honest, or hopeful. These can be simple but profound. Write them on one of the paper bricks and hang it up.

C. We invite you to see what others have written. Do any resonate with you? Do you disagree with anything? Has participating in this project broadened your thoughts on race? We invite you to share this project with others as a simple way to start conversations about race.

Skin is skin, heart is heart. English is my native tongue. I think humankind needs some ice cream. Human race is not a color. I am free. Why aren’t others? Appreciate other cultures but don’t appropriate. Build intercultural bridges instead of walls.