Why convene a Summit on Race Matters?
While all West Virginians are integral to moving the state forward, Black West Virginians face systemic barriers that impede their full participation in this important work. These barriers need to be addressed in a meaningful, sustainable, and transformational way so that all West Virginians can participate in the West Virginia Renaissance.

Purpose:
The primary purpose of the Summit is to discuss race in a comprehensive, collaborative, and compassionate manner designed to build the Beloved Community in West Virginia.

Desired Outcomes:
• Strengthen the skills of individual agents of change working to build communities that serve everyone
• Serve as an incubator for increased collaborative leadership in building these communities
• Raise awareness of the systemic inequalities faced by Black West Virginians
• Develop an agenda of thoughtful and visionary policies and practices that empower Black West Virginians

Approach:
• The Summit will host monthly virtual sessions featuring national and local presenters. Sessions will be held August through December 2020.
• Learning modules for group discussions will raise awareness of internal factors that perpetuate social inequities.
• Groups will discuss how to apply Summit outcomes in their workplaces and communities.
• Summit attendees will be invited to attend a progress report in August 2021.