

on the table



On the Table "Coffee Talks"...

On the Table "Coffee Talks" Race and economic equity as a movement was the "On the Table" conversation the Monroe Foundation held at Sip & Savor, 428 E. 43rd Street, Trez Pugh, owner, on Tuesday, May 8th, as part of the Chicago Community Trust's yearly encouragement to community stakeholder's to convene at a table, talk, propose and mobilize on issues that individuals and groups seek to find common-ground solutions to shared issues.

The "Coffee Talk" theme: "Is Chicago as economically separate as it is racially", was moderated by Thurman "Tony" Smith, senior vice president for Community Development for PNC Bank, with Paul A. Labonne, vice president for community development, PNC, Illinois and Board Chairman of the Monroe Foundation.

Phillip Jackson, chairman of The Black Star Project and Vanessa Taliferro, principal of ADV Consulting, provided thoughts and insights on the "table theme", and participants engaged in "coffee talk" conversations at their table on solutions.

Dr. Helene Gayle, the new CEO of the Trust, joined the table discussion. The Monroe Foundation is planning to keep the "table talk" brewing co-facilitating regular "coffee talk" tables gatherings at a "Black and Brown" coffee shop in communities across Chicago. Participating were: Senior Talk, A Greater Good Foundation, Real Men

Charities, The Chicago Defender, Urban Broadcast Media, Pierre Clark, National Black Wall Street Chicago, Office of IL. Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Carl West, TBT News Service; Harold Lucas, Tourism Activist; Chaplain Leslie Sanders, and Rev. Anibal Vega, CCDI. Coffee Talk "table talk" was sponsored by

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