

The New River Valley Pledge

I Believe that every person has worth as an individual.

I Believe that every person is entitled to dignity and respect, regardless of race or color.

I Believe that every thought and every act of racial prejudice is harmful; if it is my thought or act, then it is harmful to me as well as others.

Therefore, from this day forward,

*I Will strive daily to eliminate racial prejudice
from my thoughts and actions.*

I Will treat all people with dignity and respect.

I Will discourage racial prejudice by others at every opportunity.

I Will commit to working with others to transform the New River Valley into a place that treats people of all races, ethnicities, and cultures with justice, equity, and compassion, and

I WILL strive daily to honor this pledge, knowing that the world Will be a better place because of my effort.