## Theory of Change

#### VISION

We envision a Black feminis future in which all people experience care, safety, dignity, and belonging.

#### GOAL

Black-led, multiracial organizations will embody antiracist, anti-oppressive organizational cultures that intentionally unleash the power of people with different racial and other identities to achieve their mission.

# Embodied Antiracist Organizational Culture



If LPCG:

values, and commitments.

 $\mathbf{*}$  Is anchored in its vision,

## If these conditions are present

### If Individuals Within an Organization:

- Are willing to explore and hold a shared commitment to embodiment, including an awareness of emotions, resilience, and bodily sensations, as well as the habits/conditioned tendencies of liberatory and supremacist power.
- Black, Indigenous, multiracial, and other stakeholders of color in the organization are able to name the racism they experience and internalize, and understand how they unintentionally perpetuate anti-Blackness within the organization.
- White team members are able to name whiteness, and understand how whiteness is privileged within the organization, and how they perpetuate anti-Blackness, other forms of racism, and white supremacy within the organization.

### If Organizational Leadership:

- Creates ongoing time and space within organizational operations and programming for racial reckoning, a practice of truth-telling, grieving, and transforming the culture.
- Leverages resources and skills of different racial groups to share power, labor, and decision-making in the organization.
- Reflects the organization's anti-racist identity and goals.
- Identifies and understands practices and behaviors within the organization that perpetuate anti-Blackness, white supremacy, and other forms of oppression.
- \* Is aware of liberatory practices and behaviors that can help them reach their desired antiracist and anti-white supremacy organizational values and culture.
- Has the staff resources, skills, and capacity to lead anti-racism work internally.

## Then, the following outcomes will be achieved:

- Organizational leadership and staff will have a clear and shared understanding of elements of their organizational culture that uphold anti-Blackness and supremacist power.
- Leadership will take concrete actions toward dismantling anti-blackness and white supremacy within their organization.
- \* Leadership and staff will have increased awareness of emotions, resilience, and bodily sensations, as well as habits/conditioned tendencies of liberatory and supremacist power.
- Harm experienced within the organization by BIPOC stakeholders will be substantially reduced.
- RIPOC visions and strategies for liberation will start to manifest
- The norms and values of BIPOC cultures that are essential to an organization's work will be honored and centered
- \*\* Organizational assumptions, values, goals, mindsets, and aesthetics will become anti-racist, and will become visible in behaviors, policies, practices, and outcomes.
- \* An Embodied Antiracist Organizational Culture (EAOC) will supplant anti-Black and white supremacist practices within an organization.

## Assumptions

- An anti-racist, anti-oppressive, multiracial organizational culture will better equip people and organizational leadership to organize themselves for justice, equity, and liberation.
- Y Organizational transformation rooted in embodiment leads to sustainable change.
- People and organizations have the agency to choose liberatory power over supremacist power.
- Context and place are important factors in defining what embodying antiracist culture means for each organization.
- The process of embodying anti-racism requires customized work based on peoples' racial (and other) identities.
- If we shift practices and behaviors of organizational leadership, racial justice can become a reality in those organizations.
- Sometimes it is strategic to pursue racial justice, equity, and liberation in an all same-race or majority same-race organization. We do not assume that all organizations need to be multiracial in order to achieve their goals; we assume that some do, and these are the organizations our approach is designed to support.