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Welcome to the New England Circle

This evening's discussion on "Why Race Matters" features Cornel West, noted author, professor, preacher, activist and self-described "intellectual freedom-fighter." It will be moderated by Margo Storm, Executive Director of FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES.

On the heels of the anniversary of the L.A. riots, and the more recent discordancy in South Boston, tonight's conversation will be an interactive examination of our nation's racial dilemmas and in the words of our speaker, "a call for moral regeneration and profound social change."

The New England Circle evolved out of a 19th-century tradition called the Saturday Club, a group of concerned individuals such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and James Russell Lowell who gathered monthly at the Parker House for lively discussions. Cornel West has been described by Henry Louis Gates as "our Black Jeremiah" and by Harvard Divinity School's Dean Ronald Theimann as, "the only person on the intellectual scene capable of inheriting the mantle of Reinhold Niebuhr."

Tonight, we invite all of you, men and women of different cultures, political persuasions and professions to share your thoughts and concerns about racial discourse in this city and country. Please also join us in welcoming Cornel West back to Boston and into the New England Circle.

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