

**Witness Stones Project**  
**Director's Report**  
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**Ongoing Planning and Active Leads:**

**Organizations:**

Central Connecticut State University:

Partnership growing with new full time African American History faculty posting including relationship/release time to work with Witness Stones Project. They have also brought CLHO and CT Explored under their roof with the opportunity to bring CT Council for Social Studies too. They are looking to fund a CT History Center there with WSP as part of the organization.

CT Landmarks:

Working with three sites - Suffield, New London, and Bethlehem to bring the WSP to their premier historical sites. We will be telling important stories at two of their sites.

Slave Dwelling Project:

Aiming to pilot collaboration at the Hempsted Houses in New London for this upcoming Juneteenth. I haven't received a response to recent communications.

New Jersey:

Continuing to work with Stoutsburg Sourlands African American Museum with continuation of work with Hopewell Valley School District and joint proposal to the Watershed Institute in Hopewell, NJ.

Separate proposal to Abraham Staats House in South Bound Brook, NJ. Met with African American historical organization and Superintendent of Public Schools, Princeton, NJ.

**Churches:**

Working with recipients of Episcopal Diocese in Connecticut in Essex, Wilton, New London and Madison. We already completed a project with Trinity Episcopal Churches in Wallingford and New Haven. (Liz)

## Multiple Projects Per Community:

### Priority and Alliance Schools:

In our goal to increase our reach to more majority-minority schools, we are excited to have new projects with Hamden Middle School (400 students), Manchester High School (100 students), and in New London with a public high school teacher (80 students). We are also in discussions with the Connecticut Council for Social Studies to bring the project to a New Haven High School.

### All Schools:

		New Projects			Installations
1	1st	Old Saybrook*	Winter	Liz	Spring 2023
2	1st	Stonington Middle School	Winter	Dennis	Spring 2023
3	1st	Ridgefield Middle Schools (2)	Fall	Dennis	Fall 2023
4	1st	Essex/John Winthrop M.S.	Fall/Winter	Liz	Spring 2023
5	1st	Choate, Wallingford	Fall/Winter	Liz	Spring 2023
6	1st	St. Paul's Wallingford	Fall	Liz	Fall 2022
7	1st	St. Matthew's Wilton	Winter	Liz/Julie	Spring 2023
8	1st	Holy Child Rye, NY	Winter	Dennis	Spring 2023
9	1st	Compass School, Kingston	Spring	Dennis	Spring 2023
10	1st	Branford High School	Winter/Fall	Dennis	Fall 2023
11	1st	Manchester High School	Spring	Dennis	Spring 2023
12	1st	Bethlehem	Winter/Spring	Dennis	Spring 2023
13	1st	New London	Spring	Liz	Spring 2023
14	1st	Hamden	Winter/Spring	Dennis/Joy	Spring 2023
15	1st	St. Andrew's Madison	Winter	Liz	Spring 2023
16	1st	St. James/Williams Schl NL	Spring/Fall	Liz	Fall 2023

<b>Ongoing Projects</b>						
1	2nd	Durham/RSD-13		Winter	Liz	Spring 2023
2	2nd	Mansfield Public Schools		Winter	Dennis	
3	2nd	Simsbury Middle School		Winter	Dennis	
4	2nd	Wooster School, Danbury		Winter	Liz	
5	2nd	Woodstock Middle School		Winter	Dennis	
6	3rd	Killingly H.S.		Winter	Dennis	
7	5th	Guilford/Adams M.S. (3)		Winter	Dennis	
8	4th	Country School, Madison		Winter	Liz	
9	3rd	New Haven - Foote		Winter	Dennis/Joy	
10	2nd	Hopewell Valley, NJ		Winter	Elaine/Beverly	New Jersey
11	5th	West Hartford Public Schools		Winter	Liz/Tracey/Denise	
12	4th	Greenwich Hist Soc & Sacred Heart Greenwich and Greenwich Academy		Winter	Heather	

### **Digital:**

Continuing our work with Northeast Slavery Records Index using grant to fund graduate assistant at CCSU. We received additional grant money for the second semester. Working with CT Humanities on CT Slavery Data Consortium Start Up. Possible funding in future.

### **Leadership Transition:**

As we continue working across Connecticut and the region, we find it becomes more important to work towards the transition of our leadership from the founder (me) to a qualified and engaged person of color. I believe we have found that person in Joy Burns who will retire from YNHH in June and has continued her commitment to joining our team. What it will look like exactly will be worked out when we get closer. In the meantime, she is working with us in Hamden and New Haven.

### **Fee-For-Service Changes:**

In order to afford our ongoing work, our expected new work, and our new employee, we will need to increase our fees for those schools and organizations that can afford it moving forward or until such time we find other ongoing sources of funding.

- 2019 - \$3,000 per project
- 2020 - \$4,000 per project

- 2021 - \$5,000 per project
- 2022 - \$6,000 per project (Actually \$3,000 - \$6,000)
- 2023 - \$10,000 per project

**Civic Engagement:**

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