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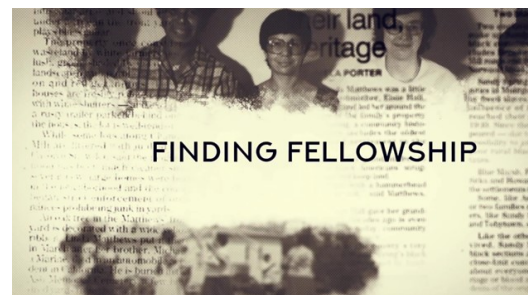
Note: Producer Jason Green is available for interviews.

MPT to air *Finding Fellowship* on November 22

Documentary explores bonding and building in a Montgomery County community

OWINGS MILLS, MD - Maryland Public Television (MPT) will broadcast *Finding Fellowship* on Monday, November 22 at 9 p.m. on MPT-HD. The documentary will also be available for streaming on-demand at video.mpt.tv and on the [PBS Video App](https://www.pbs.org/app). Produced by siblings Jason Green and Kisha Davis, the hour-long film shares an important story of the unlikely merger of three racially segregated churches in the Gaithersburg, Maryland, neighborhood of Quince Orchard just as racial tensions gripped the nation. A trailer can be viewed at mpt.org/acquisitions.

Facing longstanding financial difficulties and reeling from the recent assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the three congregations still came together in the fall of 1968. Yet the hardest decision wasn't to come together but to stay together. Fifty years later, the Fairhaven United Methodist Church celebrated half a century of unified fellowship as racial tensions in America are once again at the forefront of America's politics.



With an engaging story, inspiring message, and compelling cast of characters who transport viewers into the town and through the history of Quince Orchard, *Finding Fellowship* prompts viewers to ask deeper questions about assumptions of others and relationships within communities.

Finding Fellowship will air as part of MPT's ongoing *Standing Against Racism: Fostering Unity Through Dialogue* initiative. Since June 2020, MPT has aired special programs on Monday evenings intended to encourage discussion and understanding of race-related issues in communities across the state. Further information and resources are available at mpt.org/racism.

Finding Fellowship will also air on Tuesday, November 23 at 12 a.m. and 3 a.m. on MPT-HD. Following the premiere, the program will remain available to stream on-demand for two years.

Beginning in February 2022, *Finding Fellowship* will be distributed to public television stations nationally by American Public Television. MPT will serve as presenting station.

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About Maryland Public Television

Maryland Public Television (MPT) is a statewide, public-supported TV network and Public Broadcasting Service member offering entertaining, educational, and inspiring content delivered by traditional broadcasting and streaming on TVs, computers, and mobile devices. A state agency, it operates under the auspices of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission. MPT creates local, regional, and national content and is a frequent winner of regional Emmy® awards. MPT's commitment to educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through instructional events and Thinkport.org. MPT's year-round community engagement activities connect viewers with resources on a wide range of topics. For more information visit mpt.org.