



# Reading Guide

*Reproductive Justice: An Introduction*, by Loretta J. Ross and Rickie Solinger

We will meet as a group to discuss chapters 1 and 2 on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at the Civil Rights Heritage Center, 1040 Washington St., South Bend.

## Chapter One:

- How do Ross and Solinger define “reproductive justice”? What are the core values of “reproductive justice”? What aspects of this definition resonate the most for you? Why?
- Why do the authors believe it is essential to understand the history of reproductive capacity in the U.S.? What information was new to you? Which examples stand out to you?
- How is racial justice related to reproductive justice? How did women of color begin to define reproductive justice in the 1990s?
- Spend a little time on the SisterSong.net website to get a sense of the work done by SisterSong: Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective. What do you notice?
- After reading this chapter, reflect on how the authors’ ideas apply to our community/region. What barriers to reproductive justice do you see? What action steps could we take to create more reproductive justice in our community?

## Chapter Two:

- How is “intersectionality” (p. 73) important to the reproductive justice framework?
- How does the “reproductive justice” concept differ from “rights”?
- How do the authors discuss the connection between population control and white supremacy?
- What challenges to advocacy and organizing do the authors describe? What successes do they point to?
- After reading this chapter, reflect on the ways the authors’ ideas apply to our community/region. What challenges to effective organizing have you seen in our community? What successes have you seen? What principles for successful reproductive organizing could we apply, and how?

Save the dates for additional group discussion and planning meetings:

- March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- April 27<sup>th</sup>
- May 18<sup>th</sup>