**Response Form # 11**

**“Bridging Differences”**

It is a challenge to bring change in the patterns of a society that have existed for hundreds of years. It is a myth that things were like this from the beginning and will always remain the same. However, if you look at the history with a spectacle of wider time frame, you come to know that things keep on changing with time but the change is too gradual to be witnessed by an individual of short lifespan. System of privilege may look unchangeable but it was not like that from ever, and will never be. Oppressive systems are ultimately get replaced by less resistant ones. To bring change, we have to let go the notion that change will not happen if we are not here to witness it. Although individual efforts owe little weight in front of the huge problems, setting new odds and paths yourself let it easier for others to join, resulting in change, ultimately. Whenever people of color, angrily, point towards the problem of racism in society, instead of correcting it, white people think that things/ relationships are falling apart. Actually, people of color want them to help in getting rid of this issue. Jokes often include racial aspect. White should interrupt these kinds of practices and support people of color as this will break the ice among them. It may lead other whites turn against them; therefore, better tactics may need to apply in order to develop a safe and respectable environment. To create a peaceful society where white and colored can live and work together; things need to be talked about between them.

**Question No.1**

Why creating new odds and paths always difficult for the first time while it gets easier for others to follow?

**Question No.2**

What are the ways to prohibit other whites from making racial jokes without turning them against you?