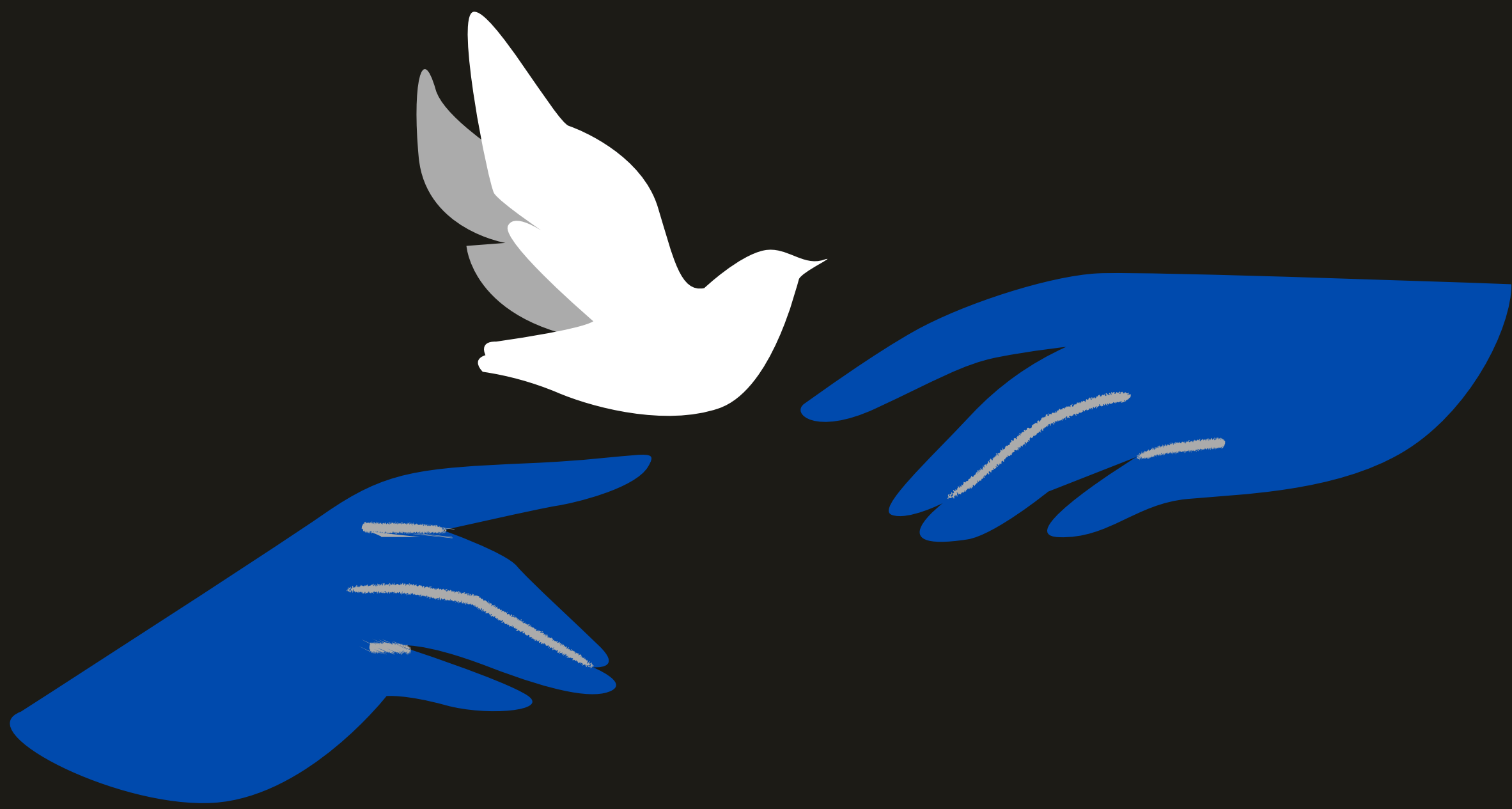


connections with the writings of bell hooks



Pursuing this project with the philosophy of bell hooks' love ethic in mind, I remind the reader that hooks asserts a notion that love an action rather than a noun. Through our abilities and efforts to connect to people, love can persist as more than a state of emotion, but an act of care. There are many parallels from the messages of bell hooks and HP Fang's philosophy in approaching discrimination with a smile and yet to always make tangible efforts in stopping racism. Like how Fangs approaches ignorance with a smile in many of his works, bell hooks says "I believe that this nation can only heal from the wounds of racism if we all begin to love blackness. And by that I don't mean that we love only that which is best within us, but that we're also able to love that which is faltering, which is wounded, which is contradictory, incomplete."

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