

CCSW **JUSTICE**: Dismantling Racism - Part Three

Resources



Collection of resources, and questions from the Tuesday Webinar - July 7, 2020

Webinar Speakers

>> **Rev. Virzola Law**, Senior Minister at Northway Christian Church, Dallas TX,

Throughout her 22 years in ministry, Rev. Law has been involved in interfaith groups and organizations that serve the homeless and disadvantaged, as well as camps and conferences for children and teenagers. She acts as a mission specialist consultant for the National Benevolent Association and is actively involved at the national, regional and area levels of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

>> **Rev. Dr. Irie Lynne Session**, Co-Pastor at The Gathering a Womanist Church, Dallas TX,

Rev. Dr. Irie Lynne Session was raised in New York City, and now resides in Cedar Hill, Texas a suburb of Dallas. She's the proud mother of India Liana Session. Dr. Irie holds a B.S. in Social Work from Oklahoma Christian University, an M.Div. with a Certificate in Black Church Studies from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, and a Doctor of Ministry from Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School, specializing in Transformative Leadership and Prophetic Preaching. For more information about Dr. Irie check out her website at www.dririe.com.

>> **Rev. Kamilah Hall Sharp**, Co-Pastor at The Gathering a Womanist Church, Dallas TX,

Rev. Kamilah Hall Sharp is a native of St. Louis, Missouri and resides in Desoto, Texas with her spouse Nakia and daughter Anaya. She is currently a Ph.D. student in Biblical Interpretation-Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University. Kamilah also holds a B.S. in Business Economics from Florida A&M University, a M.Div. from Memphis Theological Seminary, and a J.D from Indiana University-Bloomington. She is an ordained minister in the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church) and believes she was created to help and serve others.

>> **Rev. Myron Goins**, Senior Minister at Jim Street Christian Church, Waxahachie TX

>> **Rev. Mark Denton**, Pastor of West Mesa Christian Church, Albuquerque NM.

A graduate of Brite Divinity School, Mark and his wife Leslie are the parents of two teen-aged daughters. Mark is committed to the church's camping programs. He previously served two terms as chair of our CCSW Regional Committee on the Ministry.

>> **Rev. Tracey Anderson-Tellado**, Pastor of South Shore Christian Church, Corpus Christi, TX

Reverend Tracey Anderson-Tellado is a wife, mother, minister, and U.S. Air Force veteran. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Wesleyan College and a Master of Divinity from Logsdon Seminary. This August, Tracey will begin work on her DMin at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio where she will be part of the "King Scholars" focus group studying his "Beloved Community". Tracey is currently the acting Pastor of South Shore Christian Church. She is an Adjunct Faculty Member and Kingdom Diversity Committee member at the Stark College & Seminary in Corpus Christi. In the community Rev Anderson-Tellado is active with the YWCA, and moderated their 14th Annual Racial Justice Forum during this year's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. Tracey has been married to her husband Edward for twenty-eight years and they have two children. Twenty-One year old BreeAnn is a 2020 University of Houston graduate, while seventeen year old Brandon is a rising senior at Veterans Memorial High School. In her "spare time" Tracey will usually be found at Barnes & Noble with a cup of coffee and a good book.

>> **Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol**, Senior Minister at Monte Vista Christian Church, Albuquerque NM

>> **Rev. Darnell Fennell**, Minister at Just Love Church, Houston TX

Topic for the Webinar: “Pray for Wisdom”

Scriptures:

Genesis 16:1-16 (Common English Bible)

Hagar and the Ishmaelites' origins

Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to have children. Since she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar, Sarai said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from giving birth, so go to my servant. Maybe she will provide me with children." Abram did just as Sarai said. After Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took her Egyptian servant Hagar and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant. But when she realized that she was pregnant, she no longer respected her mistress. Sarai said to Abram, "This harassment is your fault. I allowed you to embrace my servant, but when she realized she was pregnant, I lost her respect. Let the Lord decide who is right, you or me."

Abram said to Sarai, "Since she's your servant, do whatever you wish to her." So Sarai treated her harshly, and she ran away from Sarai.

The Lord's messenger found Hagar at a spring in the desert, the spring on the road to Shur, and said, "Hagar! Sarai's servant! Where did you come from and where are you going?"

She said, "From Sarai my mistress. I'm running away."

The Lord's messenger said to her, "Go back to your mistress. Put up with her harsh treatment of you." The Lord's messenger also said to her,

"I will give you many children,
so many they can't be counted!"

The Lord's messenger said to her,

"You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son.
You will name him Ishmael[a]
because the Lord has heard about your harsh treatment.
He will be a wild mule of a man;
he will fight everyone, and they will fight him.
He will live at odds with all his relatives."

Hagar named the Lord who spoke to her, "You are El Roi" because she said, "Can I still see after he saw me?" Therefore, that well is called Beer-lahai-roi; it's the well between Kadesh and Bered. Hagar gave birth to a son for Abram, and Abram named him Ishmael. Abram was 86 years old when Hagar gave birth to Ishmael for Abram.

Scriptures:

Genesis 21:8-21 (Common English Bible)

Hagar and Ishmael evicted

The boy grew and stopped nursing. On the day he stopped nursing, Abraham prepared a huge banquet. Sarah saw Hagar's son laughing, the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. So she said to Abraham, "Send this servant away with her son! This servant's son won't share the inheritance with my son Isaac."

This upset Abraham terribly because the boy was his son. God said to Abraham, "Don't be upset about the boy and your servant. Do everything Sarah tells you to do because your descendants will be traced through Isaac. But I will make of your servant's son a great nation too, because he is also your descendant." Abraham got up early in the morning, took some bread and a flask of water, and gave it to Hagar. He put the boy in her shoulder sling and sent her away.

She left and wandered through the desert near Beer-sheba. Finally the water in the flask ran out, and she put the boy down under one of the desert shrubs. She walked away from him about as far as a bow shot and sat down, telling herself, I can't bear to see the boy die. She sat at a distance, cried out in grief, and wept.

God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer. He lived in the Paran desert, and his mother found him an Egyptian wife.

Questions Asked:

- Where have you come from & where are you going?
- How do we deal with the angel's first instruction to Hagar: "Go back to your mistress and submit to her."?
- What do we feel entitled to as Children of God?
- What are we going to do to dismantle ALL of this?

Resource List

Here you will find a list of books, websites, videos, and other resources that were mentioned during the webinar (*this list will continue to be updated as we have more webinars and continue this conversation*)

Websites -

<https://www.dallasblackclergy.org/>

<https://www.thegatheringinfo.com/purple-table-talks>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PrAq4iBNb4nVlcTsLcNIW8zjaQXBLkWayL8EaPlh0bc/mobilebasic>

-This is a working document for scaffolding anti-racism resources. The goal is to facilitate growth for white folks to become allies, and eventually accomplices for anti-racist work. These resources have been ordered in an attempt to make them more accessible.

Books -

- *Nobody Cries When We Die: God, Community, and Surviving to Adulthood*, by **Patrick Reyes**
- *Sisters in the Wilderness: The Challenge of Womanist God-Talk*, by **Delores S. Williams**
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- *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, by **Paulo Freire**

Articles-

- *NY TIMES: "You Want a Confederate Monument? My Body Is a Confederate Monument"*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/26/opinion/confederate-monuments-racism.html>

Where to buy the books from:

(List from *cntraveler.com* - all black owned book stores)

Arkansas

Pyramid Art, Books, and Custom Framing, Little Rock
website: <https://www.pyramid1988.com/>

California

Eso Wan Books, Los Angeles
website: <https://www.esowonbookstore.com/>

Malik Books, Los Angeles
website: <https://malikbooks.com/shop>

Underground Books, Sacramento
website: <http://underground-books9.mybigcommerce.com/>

Ashay by the Bay, Vallejo
website: <https://ashaybythebay.com/>

Connecticut

People Get Ready Books, New Haven
website: <https://peoplegetreadybooks.indielite.org/>

Delaware

Mejah Books, Claymont
website: <https://mejahbooks.com/>

Florida

Dare Books, Longwood
website: <https://darebooks.com/>

Cultured Books, St. Petersburg
website: <https://www.culturedbooks.com/>

Georgia

For Keeps Books, Atlanta
website: <https://www.forkeepsbooks.com/>

44th and 3rd Booksellers, Atlanta
website: <https://44thand3rdbooksellers.indielite.org/>

Brave and Kind Books, Decatur
website: <https://www.braveandkindbooks.com/collections/all>

Listening Tree Books, Decatur
website: <https://listeningtreebooks.com/>

Illinois

Semicolon Bookstore and Gallery, Chicago
website: <http://www.semicolonchi.com/bookstore-online>

Afriware Books, Maywood
website: https://www.afriwarebooks.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html

Indiana

Beyond Barcodes Bookstore, Kokomo
website: <https://squareup.com/store/beyondbarcodesbookstore>

The Brain Lair Bookstore, South Bend
website: <https://brainlairbooks.handseller.com/home/browseallcat/>

Massachusetts

Frugal Bookstore, Boston
website: <https://frugalbookstore.net/>

Michigan

Source Booksellers, Detroit
website: <https://www.sourcebooksellersonline.com/>

Detroit Book City, Southfield
website: <https://www.detroitbookcity.com/>

Black Stone Bookstore, Ypsilanti
website: <https://www.blackstonebookstore.com/>

Missouri

Eyes See Me, University City
website: <https://www.eyeseeme.com/>

New Jersey

The Little Boho Bookshop, Bayonne
website: <https://thelittlebohobookshop.com/#>

New York

The Lit. Bar, the Bronx

website: <http://www.thelitbar.com/>

Cafe con Libros, Brooklyn

website: <https://www.cafeconlibrosbk.com/>

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Sister's Uptown, Manhattan

website: <http://www.sistersuptownbookstore.com/>

North Carolina

Shelves Bookstore, Charlotte

website: <https://shelvesbookstore.com/>

Ohio

Elizabeth's Bookshop and Writing Centre, Akron *(online only, physical store opening soon)*

website: <https://bookshop.org/shop/Elizabeths>

Smith & Hannon Book Store, Cincinnati

website: <https://www.smithandhannonbookstore.com/>

Oklahoma

Read With Mocha Books, Tulsa

website: <https://www.readwithmochabooks.com/>

Fulton Street Books & Coffee, Tulsa

website: <https://www.fultonstreet918.com/>

Pennsylvania

The Tiny Bookstore, Pittsburgh

website: <https://bookshop.org/shop/tinybookspgh>

Uncle Bobbie's Coffee & Books, Philadelphia

website: <https://unclebobbies.indielite.org/>

Harriett's Bookshop, Philadelphia

website: <https://www.harriettsbookshop.com/>

South Carolina

Turning Page Bookshop, Goose Creek

website: <https://turningpagebookshop.com/>

Texas

Black Pearl Bookstore, Austin

website: <https://blackpearlbookstore.com/>

Enda's Booktique, Duncanville

website: <https://endasbooktique.com/>

The Dock Bookshop, Fort Worth

website: <https://www.thedockbookshop.com/>

Black World Books, Killeen

website: <https://blackworldbooks.org/>

Virginia

Harambee Books, Alexandria

website: <https://harambeebooks.org/>

Books and Crannies, Martinsville

website: <https://www.booksandcranniesva.com/browse/book>

Washington D.C.

Mahogany Books

website: <https://www.mahoganybooks.com/>

Loyalty Bookstores

website: <https://www.loyaltybookstores.com/>

Sankofa Video Books & Cafe

website: <https://www.events.sankofa.com/books>

Online only

African Bookstore

website: <https://www.africanbookstore.net/>

Key Bookstore

website: <https://keybookstore.com/shop/>

