

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

Resources



Collection of resources, and questions from the Tuesday Webinar - July 21, 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: “Act with Intention”

Scriptures (Common English Bible):

Matthew 13:24-30 - Rev. Dr. Irie Session

Parable of the weeds

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

“The servants of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Master, didn’t you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?’

“‘An enemy has done this,’ he answered.

“The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather them?’

“But the landowner said, ‘No, because if you gather the weeds, you’ll pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvesttime I’ll say to the harvesters, “First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn.”’

Matthew 25:1-13 - Rev. Mark Denton

Parable of the ten young bridesmaids

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Now five of them were wise, and the other five were foolish. The foolish ones took their lamps but didn’t bring oil for them. But the wise ones took their lamps and also brought containers of oil.

“When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and went to sleep. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Look, the groom! Come out to meet him.’

“Then all those bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. But the foolish bridesmaids said to the wise ones, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps have gone out.’

“But the wise bridesmaids replied, ‘No, because if we share with you, there won’t be enough for our lamps and yours. We have a better idea. You go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ But while they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding. Then the door was shut.

“Later the other bridesmaids came and said, ‘Lord, lord, open the door for us.’

“But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’

“Therefore, keep alert, because you don’t know the day or the hour.

John 11:32-35 - Rev. Kamilah Hall Sharp

When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died." When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked, "Where have you laid him?" They replied, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to cry.

Philippians 2:1-7 - Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Imitate Christ

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God,
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
But he emptied himself
by taking the form of a slave
and by becoming like human beings.
When he found himself in the form of a human,

Ephesians 2:7-14 - Rev. Tracy Anderson-Tellado

God did this to show future generations the greatness of his grace by the goodness that God has shown us in Christ Jesus.

You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. It's not something you did that you can be proud of. Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives. The reconciliation of God's people

So remember that once you were Gentiles by physical descent, who were called "uncircumcised" by Jews who are physically circumcised. At that time you were without Christ. You were aliens rather than citizens of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of God's promise. In this world you had no hope and no God. But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us.

Scriptures:

Exodus 3:1-13 - Rev. Myron Goins

Moses at the burning bush

Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up. Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up.

When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" Moses said, "I'm here."

Then the Lord said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." He continued, "I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that's full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. Now the Israelites' cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

God said, "I'll be with you. And this will show you that I'm the one who sent you. After you bring the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain."

God's special name

But Moses said to God, "If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they are going to ask me, 'What's this God's name?' What am I supposed to say to them?"

John 19:28-30 - Rev. Virzola Law

After this, knowing that everything was already completed, in order to fulfill the scripture, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was nearby, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it, placed it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. When he had received the sour wine, Jesus said, "It is completed." Bowing his head, he gave up his life.

Questions Asked:

- Rev. Dr. Irie Session: "If that is what it means for followers of Jesus to have the mind of Christ, and I believe it does, then the White church has not embraced the mind of Christ?"
- Rev. Virzola Law: "What would you give your life for?"
- Rev. Myron Goins: "Who do you say "I am" is to you?"
- About the Matthew 25 text - Rev. Velva Waites: "What does say to us regarding preparation?"
- Question from: Rev. Katie Hays: "I'm amazed at how often Jesus (and scripture more generally) exhorts us to "wake up" and "stay awake." Does anyone know whether the adjective "woke" in contemporary usage is referencing our faith-ancestors' use of the metaphor?"
- Rev. Kamilah Hall Sharp: "How do we grieve White Supremacy?"
- Rev. Amber Churchill: "What are the strategies you all use to bring joy and hope into your prophetic sermons? So many of our communities need to hear the prophetic but are also overwhelmed by the enormity of the problems. We need to be honest about all of the systemic issues and need to find ways to shepherd people who aren't used talking about these things."

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/1PrAq4iBNb4nVlcTsLcNIW8zjaQXBLkWayL8EaPIh0bc/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 -

- *How to Be an Antiracist*, by **Ibram X. Kendi**
- *Love...regardless: Forty Devotions Inspired by Womanist Creative Thought and Theology*, by **Donna Olivia Owusu-Ansah**
- *Essential Black Wisdom: Quotes of Inspiration and Strength*, by **Carol Kelly-Gangi (Editor)**
- *I Am Enough*, by **Grace Byers**

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/>