

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

Resources

Collection of resources, and questions from the Tuesday Webinar - June 9, 2020



Webinar Speakers

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>> **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.

Questions that were covered:

1. In her book "I Bring the Voices of My People: A Womanist Vision of Racial Reconciliation" Dr. Chaequa Walker-Barnes, clinical psychologist, public theologian, and minister writes, "It is impossible to address issues of racism and reconciliation without broaching the issue of whiteness." Question: Why is it difficult for white people to discuss 'whiteness?' What is meant by whiteness?
2. Do you sense an urgency to address/dismantle racism in the church, in the world? Why now?
3. What internal equipment (commitments, values, strengths) is needed for those seeking to dismantle racism?
4. Do you believe dismantling racism is God's desire for the church? If so, why
5. Each congregation represented in this congregation is involved in an intentional reconciliation relationship. Tell us about what that's been like?
6. From Franklin Gee (lay person at Bethany in Austin). What specific steps is CCSW taking to dismantle racism? (specifically to Rev. Goins, Rev. Denton to address RCOM).

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 -

- *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America*, by **Jim Wallis**.
- *Ancient Laws & Contemporary Controversies: The Need for Inclusive Biblical Interpretation*, by **Cheryl B. Anderson**.
- *Between the World and Me*, by **Ta-Nehisi Coates**
- *Bipolar Faith: A Black Woman's Journey with Depression and Faith*, by **Monica Coleman**
- *Can A Sister Get a Little Help? Encouragement for Black Women in Ministry*, by **Teresa L. Fry Brown**
- *The Color of Christ: The Son of God and the Saga of Race in America*, by **Edward J. Blum and Paul Harvey**
- *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, by **James Cone**
- *Dismantling the Twin Towers of Race and Racism: A Vision of America's Way Forward* **By the Rev. Alfred M. Walker, I, (minister in the CCSW Region) with a Foreword by Dr. Philip Dunston, Jr.**
- *Ferguson & Faith: Sparking Leadership Awakening Community*, by **Leah Gunning Francis**
- *Hagar's Daughters: Womanist Ways of Being in the World*, by **Diana L. Hayes**
- *I Bring the Voices of My People: A Womanist Vision of Racial Reconciliation"* by **Dr. Chaequa Walker Barnes**
- *I Found God in Me: A Womanist Biblical Hermeneutics Reader*, by **Mitzi J. Smith, Editor**
- *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*, by **Austin Channing Brown**
- *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*, by **Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz**
- *In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens*, by **Alice Walker**
- *Just A Sister Away: A Womanist Vision of Women's Relationships in the Bible*, by **Renita Weems**
- *Katie's Canon: Womanism and the Souls of the Black Community*, by **Katie Geneva Cannon**
- *Letter From Birmingham Jail*, by **Martin Luther King, Jr.**
- *Lynched: The Power of Memory in a Culture of Terror*, by **Angela D. Sims**
- *Making a Way out of No Way: A Womanist Theology*, by **Monica Coleman**
- *Nobody Cries When We Die: God, Community, and Surviving to Adulthood*, by **Patrick Reyes**

Books -

- *Our Lives Matter: A Womanist Queer Theology*, by **Pamela Lightsey**
- *Pregnant Passion: Gender, Sex and Violence in the Bible*, by **Cheryl Kirk Dugan**, Editor
- *Sexuality and the Black Church: A Womanist Perspective*, by **Kelly Brown Douglas**
- *Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America*, by **Melissa V. Harris-Perry**
- *Sisters in The Wilderness: The Challenge of Womanist God Talk*, by **Delores S. Williams**
- *Stakes Is High: Race, Faith, and Hope for America*, by **Michael W. Waters**
- *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*, by **Ibram x. Kendi**
- *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*, by **Kelly Brown Douglas**
- *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*, by **Michael Eric Dyson**
- *Tell the Truth and Shame the Devil: The Life, Legacy, and Love of My Son Michael Brown*, by **Lezley McSpadden**
- *The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism*, by **Edward E. Baptist**
- *The Third Reconstruction: How A Moral Movement is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear*, by **William J. Barber, III**
- *Too Heavy a Yoke: Black Women and the Burden of Strength*, by **Chanequa Walker-Barnes**
- *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, by **Robin DiAngelo**
- *Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to the Women of the Torah and the Throne*, by **Wilda C. Gafney**
- *Womanist Biblical Interpretations of the Bible: Expanding the Discourse*, by **Gay L. Byron and Vanessa Lovelace**, Editors
- *A Womanist Pastoral Theology Against Intimate and Cultural Violence*, by **Stephanie Crumpton**
- *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*, by **Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandela**
- *Womanist Sass and Talk Back: Social (In)Justice, Intersectionality, and Biblical Interpretation*, by **Mitzi J. Smith**
- *When Momma Speaks: The Bible and Motherhood From a Womanist Perspective*, by **Stephanie Buckhanon Crowder**
- *Murdered Souls, Resurrected Lives: Postmodern Womanist Thought in Ministry with Women Prostituted and Marginalized by Commercial Sexual Exploitation*, by **Irie Lynne Session** (minister in the CCSW Region)

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/>