

FBC-Madison Racial Justice: What is our calling?

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September 18, 2020

Fall 2020 Racial Justice Speaker Series

Our speaker series on systemic racism in Madison continues this Sunday at 9am. The Zoom information is below. You can find more information at our church website ([click here](#)).

This Sunday we will hear from former Madison Police Department chief **Noble Wray**. He will talk about systemic racism in policing and law enforcement and welcomes your questions as well.

Here is the link for the Zoom session: [CLICK HERE](#)

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Chief Noble Wray retired from the Madison Police Department after more than 30 years of service. He was promoted through the ranks and was appointed Chief of Police of the City of Madison in 2004. Before becoming Chief, Noble received Life Saving and Outstanding Service Awards as a member of the Madison Police Department.

Noble has also excelled as a nationally recognized consultant for law enforcement organizations, such as the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and the Police Foundation in the areas of problem solving, community policing and trust-based policing. He has served on staff at the Police Leadership Institute at the University of Lowell Massachusetts for a course he developed for police managers called "Problem Solving Lessons Learned." Noble continues to be a national presenter on these topics. In 2011 Noble was asked to present on these topics by the International Conference on Innovative Solutions for Law Enforcement and US Department of Justice's COPS Office annual conference.



He is also a certified trainer/consultant for both Steven Covey and COPS Office Fair and Impartial Policing. Noble has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is a graduate of the Wisconsin Department of Justice Executive Leadership Course for future police leaders.



Looking ahead

The 9am session on Sunday, September 27th will be a discussion on information we learned from last week's speaker, M Adams, and tomorrow's speaker, Noble Wray.

We will share discussion questions with you next week.

Systemic Racism Self-Directed Curriculum

Check out the Systemic Racism Self-Directed Curriculum, created by the FBC Racial Justice Team. It can be found [HERE](#). There are readings, videos, and podcasts of varying lengths on various topics.

You may want to take time this weekend to look at the resources regarding *policing* and the *judicial system* in particular.



Please consider reading this September 16, 2020 [article](#) from the Cap Times in preparation for this Sunday:
Unreasonable suspicion: When residents call police, who pays the price when bias shapes their concerns?

FBC Racial Justice Goals

First Baptist Church-Madison has a strong tradition of social justice activism, but recent events have galvanized us into new action. Ultimately, we want to be a part of, individually and as a collective, solutions for healing and transforming the systems that perpetuate systemic racism.

Our goals are to:

- educate ourselves about racial injustice and systemic racism through such means as reading materials, lectures, films...
- dig deeper through dialogue and discussion
- create individual and collective actions to promote racial justice
- live in ways that reflect our new or enhanced awareness

We invite you to embrace our goals by:

- investing time in exploring and learning
- spending time in self-reflection to enhance our self-awareness
- stepping outside of your comfort zones

We are grounded in Micah 6:8 (NLT) which says,

***“No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good,
and this is what He requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”***

Kids' Corner



Click the pictures to watch videos

For kids: [Skin Again](#): A children's book by bell hooks, illustrated by Chris Raschka. The preschool Sunday School class is reading this book.

For adults: [Embrace Race](#): Andrew and Melissa of EmbraceRace.org talk to Jennifer Harvey about what the parents of White children, in particular, can do to ensure they're not raising white children who are quick to call the police on Black and Indigenous people and people of color.

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SYSTEMIC RACISM IN MADISON: WHAT IS OUR CALLING?

WHEN

Sundays, Sept 13-Oct 18
9am - 10am

WHERE

Online ~ To register, contact
fbc.madison.justice@gmail.com

<http://firstbaptistmadison.org/fall-2020-sunday-school-systemic-racism/>

“There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river.

We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in.”

-Archbishop Desmond Tutu

SEPT 13

M Adams

Systemic racism in criminal justice

SEPT 20

Noble Wray

Systemic racism in law enforcement

SEPT 27

Small & large group discussions on wks 1 & 2

OCT 4

Tia Murray

Systemic racism effects on Black maternal health

OCT 11

Sagashus Levingston

Systemic racism effects on Black families

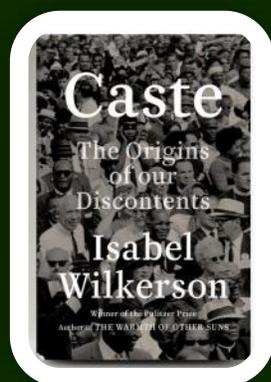
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Small & large group discussions on wks 4 & 5

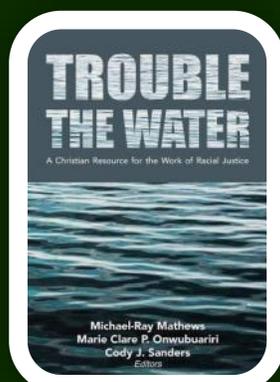
Racial Justice Team Update

Three members of the Racial Justice Team will be attending the Wisconsin Leadership Summit, October 5th-9th. Anyone interested is invited to join our state's most influential leaders of color build community, address issues, & develop strategies for Wisconsin's future. More information [HERE](#).

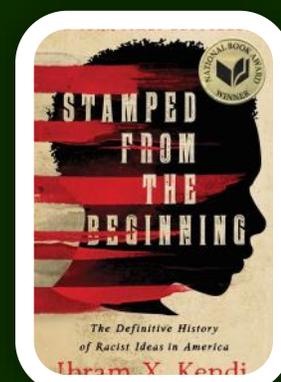
Books we're reading



Caste: The Origins of our Discontents;
by Isabel Wilkerson



Trouble the Water:
A Christian Resource for the Work of Racial Justice;
Edited by Mathews,
Onwubuariri, & Sanders



Stamped: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America;
by Ibram X Kendi
(yes, some of us are still working on this book!)

Let us know what you're reading for a future newsletter

Contact the Racial Justice Team:

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YOU are welcome to join us!