

FBC-Madison Racial Justice: What is our calling?

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September 25, 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 have the opportunity to talk about and respond to what we've heard the last two sessions.

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

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Here are a few discussion questions for you to think about. Sunday's questions will be different; these are for your personal preparations:

M Adams conducted a short activity (name a country that starts with the letter "D", etc.) that posed the possibility that we have "pre-set" rules, affected by a lifetime of customs and values. How does that translate into the problems we see with current policing/incarceration methods?

Noble Wray is a national consultant on implicit bias. What does implicit bias mean to you and how do you see it in our culture or in your life?

Noble Wray said "systemic racism starts with 'I'", and that there are two responses to racism – that we view it as outside ourselves, making us not accountable, or that we see our part in it and it becomes personal. Where are you in that continuum right now and what has been/is your journey around racism?

What do you see is the role of policing?

Noble Wray challenges us to "move the dial". What responses to racism (specifically the killings of Black men by police) have we seen in our community? Where do you see those responses on the "dial" and have they furthered or hurt the cause for racial equality?



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.



Looking ahead

Our next speaker at 9am on Sunday, October 4th will be Tia Murray, a certified doula, who will speak on the topic of systemic racism in Black maternal health and on birth justice. Here are two resources shared by Ms. Murray if you'd like to read in advance.



[Exploring Birth Justice: A Conversation With Julia Chinyere Oparah and Alicia Bonaparte](#), co-editors of *Birth Justice: Black Women, Pregnancy, and Childbirth*

[Decolonizing Birth: Women Take Back Their Power as Life-Givers](#), by Sarah Sunshine Manning

Seen in the local newspaper:
[Wedge Issues: These two legislators want to break through partisan gridlock to fight Wisconsin's racial disparities \(podcast\)](#)

Are you registered to vote? There are opportunities to register or to drop off your absentee ballot at Madison area parks this Saturday and next Saturday. Click this picture to find out more.

For information on Interfaith Voting Engagement, [click here](#)

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 your goals by:

- investing time in exploring and learning
- spending time in self-reflection to enhance your 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.”**

Upcoming events

MOSES Monthly Meeting

Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 2:30pm

MOSES is a non-partisan interfaith organization that works to promote social justice with a focus on ending mass incarceration. Please join us for our monthly meeting where we reconnect and reenergize around the issues that we care so much about. Click the picture for their website or contact Wynn Davies for more information.



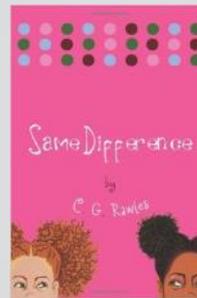
Church Women United in Madison, WI

Friday, Oct 2, 10am

Ms Pia Kinney will discuss her chapter in the *Nine African American Families: Their Memories and Reflections*. A group of Madison women studied their family genealogy and shared their stories of living as Black individuals in Madison in this self-published book. Contact Barbara Eggleston for more information.



Kids' Corner



Click the pictures to watch videos

For kids: [Same Difference](#): A children's book written and illustrated by C.J. Rawles.

For adults: [Talking to Children Authentically about Race and Racism](#): This PBS KIDS for Parents conversation features parents, educators, child development & trauma experts sharing tips & resources for talking with young children about injustice & violence against Black people. Explore questions such as: How can parents of Black children continue to instill confidence & pride in young kids while also explaining racial inequity & barriers? And, how can parents of non-Black children help young kids understand their role in confronting anti-Black racism?

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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

OCT 18

Small & large group discussions on wks 4 & 5

Invitation

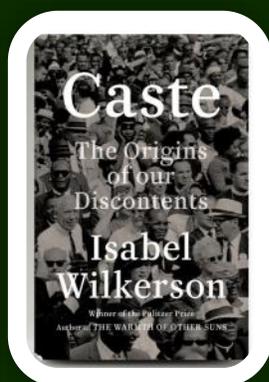
We invite you to share your reflections, thoughts, and experiences in this space.

How do you see racial injustice and/or justice showing up in your personal life, in your professional life, in your faith, and in your history?

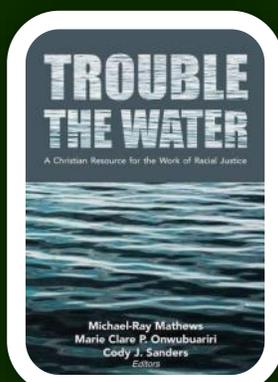
Have you experienced change since you started engaging in this work? Have you seen or heard something with a new perspective?

Your responses can be written, video, audio—whatever you are most comfortable with. Written responses can be shared anonymously.

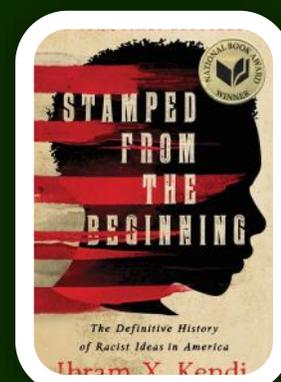
Books we're reading



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:

Diane Adams, Victor Crentsil, Anna Donahoe, Mary Fiore, Beth Gunshor, & Linda Stamm

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YOU are welcome to join us!