LISTEN FOR CHANGE

SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 21

6:30pm   Opening Worship
Preacher: The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry (Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church)

8pm   Keynote Address: Michele Norris (Journalist and former host of NPR’s flagship afternoon broadcast, “All Things Considered”) “Eavesdropping on America’s Conversation on Race”

Friday, January 22

7:45am   Registration Opens | Continental Breakfast

9am   Gathering in Song and Prayer – Melanie DeMore (Vocal activist)

9:30am   Session 1: “What Is Race, Anyway?”
Science tells us that race has no basis in biology or genetics. So, is it real? Surveys show how racist attitudes that were widespread 50 years ago are swiftly disappearing. So, can our society be racist? And why did it cause such a stir when a university offered a class on “The Problem of Whiteness”? Our distinguished speakers will bring a sharp focus to what we talk about when we talk about race.


Panel and Q&A: Emilie Townes (Dean, Vanderbilt Divinity School; Womanist Ethics and the Cultural Production of Evil), Eduardo Bonilla-Silva (Professor and Chair of the Sociology Department, Duke University, Racism without Racists)

11am   Break

11:30am   Reflection Group Meeting (location noted on name badge)

12:45pm   Lunch

2pm   Gathering in Song and Prayer – Melanie DeMore (Vocal activist)

Session 2: “A People’s History of Race”

Even as we make strides toward overcoming racism in individuals, we need to take a closer look at the way our society’s systems developed to perpetuate inequality. Insightful performance and probing conversation will help to ensure that when we talk about the future, we are conscious of a past that still clings to the present.

Opening talk (20 minutes): Emilie Townes (Dean, Vanderbilt Divinity School; Womanist Ethics and the Cultural Production of Evil)

Panel & Q&A: Gary Dorrien (Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary; Economy, Difference, Empire: Social Ethics for Social Justice), Janine Tinsley-Roe (Founder and Executive Director, Shinnecock-Sewanaka Society, former Native American Missioner for The Episcopal Church), T. James Kodera (Professor of Religion, Wellesley College)

3:30pm   Break

4-5:15pm   Reflection Group Meeting (location noted on name badge)
7pm  Film Screening in Trinity Church – *I’m Not Racist… Am I?*

This documentary film features 12 teenagers from New York City who come together for one school year to talk about race and privilege in a series of workshops and in conversations with friends and family members. The aim of the film is to inspire others to recognize and interrupt racism in their own lives. A Q&A following the film features the film’s director and producer.

**Saturday, January 23**

8am  Continental Breakfast

9am  Gathering in Song and Prayer – Melanie DeMore (Vocal activist)

9:30am  **Session 3: “Soul Searching in a Culture of Control”**

As Michelle Alexander argues in *The New Jim Crow*, “Our prison system is a unique form of social control, much like slavery and Jim Crow, the systems it has replaced.” Churches are waking up in great numbers to the importance of challenging this systemic injustice.

Talk (20 minutes) by Victor Rios (Associate Professor in the Sociology Department at UC-Santa Barbara, *Punished: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys*)

Talk (20 minutes) by Kelly Brown Douglas (Professor and Director of the Religion Department at Goucher College, Baltimore, MD, *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*)

Dialogue and Q&A

11am  Break

11:30am  Reflection Group Meeting (location noted on name badge)

12:45pm  Lunch

2pm  **Session 4: “Listen for a Change”**

Anna Deavere Smith (Professor, New York University; *Fires in the Mirror; Twilight: Los Angeles*)

“Race in America: Accepting Difference, Standing Shoulder to Shoulder”

Q&A

3:15pm  Break

3:30pm  **Session 5: “What We Can Do Together – Policies and Practices”**

Following up on the presentations and small group work, participants will reflect on what they’ve heard in these days in order to discern the implications for action, both in local contexts and through larger partnerships. Trinity’s rector and senior leadership will speak about Trinity’s commitments and invite partnerships.

*The Rev. Dr. William Lupfer* (Rector, Trinity Church Wall Street)

Panel: *The Rev. Phillip A. Jackson* (Vicar, TCWS), *The Rev. Winnie Varghese* (Director of Justice & Reconciliation, TCWS), *The Rev. Dr. Mark Bozzuti-Jones* (Director of Pastoral Care & Community, TCWS), *Robert Owens Scott* (Director of Trinity Institute, TCWS)

4:30pm  Closing

5pm  Networking Reception

**Sunday, January 24**

Optional worship & educational opportunities:

10am  Discovery class & webcast

Heidi J. Kim (Missioner for Racial Reconciliation, Justice & Advocacy Ministries, The Episcopal Church)

11:15am  Holy Eucharist