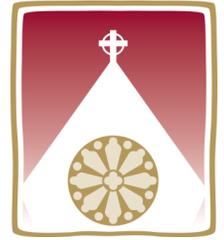


Christianity and Racism

Part One — Spring 2021

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church



Christianity and Racism is a complex topic. But it is an essential issue to understand in order to be faithful and responsible children of God. You might think it is abundantly clear, Not so much.

Ergo the Adult Formation team has crafted a curriculum to address this very topic. This year is Part One.

February 24: Racism and the Bible with Flo

- A complex truth in our Bible. We will look at the various types of enslavement in the Scriptures as well as the different words used.

March 3 & 10: The History of Racism and St B's with Corinne Bowmaker and Pat Alt

- Announcing! All new! You may have heard St B's history before, but it was not the whole story. There's so much you haven't yet heard. New research will add a much richer understanding of our church in its time..... from the founding Dashiell family settling in Somerset County in 1663, their plantation called Long Hill, and the question of this family using enslaved persons.... to Fells Point and the War of 1812, Captain Henry Dashiell and his daughter Alice Ann who bequeathed the land for the first St. B's on North Avenue -- we have her startling diary. Privateers and Black shipbuilders and sailors, the Fells Point slave trade, the Civil War and Mobtown, the African-American community of arts and culture that grew in West Baltimore. From white flight to Ten Hills, redlining and blockbusting, to St. B's part in the struggle for racial justice. Our story comes to life in a series of presentations on "St. B's History in the Context of Its Times." Come, join, and learn!

March 17: Personal Conversations with Heather Neil, Celeste Thurston, and Joe Twist

- Members of the parish who have experienced racism as well those who have chosen to confront racism in their daily lives will gather as a panel to discuss real and critical racial issues that are confronted in our daily lives. The panel will be moderated, but questions from the audience are not only welcomed, but encouraged.

March 24: Implications for Today with Daphne Cover and Nicete Moodie

- Leaders from the Faith Forum group will have an open and honest discussion regarding race and how it is interwoven in many aspects of our day to day lives. We plan to bring information that isn't always on mainstream news outlets along with various guest speakers to hear an array of viewpoints on the topics. We ask that you come with an open mind and we hope that you leave with new ways to share the information that you learned.

We will gather by Zoom at 6:30 pm over dinner to enjoy each other's company and no doubt admire what everyone else is eating!

Then begin our sessions at 7:00 pm lasting 1 hour and 15 minutes. So we will finish by 8:15 pm.

Our time together will include a presentation, small group discussions and the chance to end with a bit of worship.

There is lots to explore and share.

For St B's, a multicultural congregation, this is pretty essential.