

CLERGY CONVERSATIONS: SPIRITUALITY FOR THE LONG HAUL

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. When you think about spirituality for the long haul, what are some spiritual practices you find to be life-giving? Are there some new ones you'd like to try? If so, what's stopping you?
2. Rev. DesVignes speaks of the opportunity to rest and reflect during this pandemic, and what it means to have a sacred memory of our hearts. She asks, "What do we remember? How was life before? How could life be different moving forward?" In hope, and with a holy imagination, what do you desire moving forward?
3. How are you practicing Sabbath and self-care during this time?
4. How would you describe your prayer life? Do you enjoy prayer? Or is it something you do just out of habit, or not at all? How might you go deeper in your prayer life?
5. Read Luke 18: 1-8. How does this parable about a persistent widow relate to our joining with God in pursuing racial justice in our community and world? Does the thought of praying and not giving up give you hope? Does it make you feel overwhelmed? Or both?
6. Rev. DesVignes suggests we reengage scripture through a lens of being anti-racist and living out the beloved community. How does reengaging with God's heart for justice, and the command to love your neighbor in the context of our anti-racist journey, look right now in your life?
7. Rev. DesVignes speaks to the Pentecost imperative to amplify other voices. In what ways are you honoring the witness of our Black, people of color and indigenous brothers and sisters? Do you listen and take to heart what they have to say?
8. Are you willing to commit to praying for the power of the Holy Spirit to instill within you a teachable spirit, and to guide you on a journey to be a pro-baptismal/anti-racist witness in the world?

***WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US ON OUR ONGOING JOURNEY TO BE A
PRO-BAPTISMAL/ANTI-RACIST COMMUNITY OF FAITH***