

HUMAN *Dignity* MINISTRY

SPEAKER SERIES: FALL 2026

"To strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being."

These words, part of our church's Baptismal Covenant, express our commitment to social justice, human rights and advocacy. But many of us ask, how can we, as individuals, effect positive change? What can we do?

Introducing "The Human Dignity Speaker Series." We'll have discussions with inspiring leaders who are making a difference by helping people suffering from injustice in our troubled world.

We hope you'll join us. Bring a friend. Because change often starts with a conversation.

Sunday, October 11, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

MacColl Auditorium
St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Whitmarsh

Immigration in Your Backyard

"Immigration In Your Backyard" will explore the struggles experienced by nearby Hispanic and Asian communities, with Cindy Castillo from ACLAMO and Mel Lee from Whoori. Learn what their organizations are doing and what we can do to help.



Cindy Castillo
Senior Case Manager
ACLAMO, Norristown



Hyeonock "Mel" Lee
Executive Director
Woori Center, Lansdale

Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

MacColl Auditorium
St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Whitmarsh

Pastors at Work in the World

"Pastors at Work in the World" features three clergy who have worked for years in nearby community-based human service ministries: Rev. Mark Boorse, Rev. Yolanda Durante and Rev. David Eckert. You'll hear about a model Mark and David have developed to equip faith-based communities for action to address injustices.



Mark Boorse
Director of Program
Development
Access Services



Yolanda Durante
Human Services
Professional



David Eckert
MDiv, CPRP, Senior
Director of Intersect –
Access Services

Sunday, November 15, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

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St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Whitemarsh*

How the Political Process Works

"How the Political Process Works", with Correne Kristiansen from Bucks-Mont Collaborative Action Network and Blessing Asazuwa from The League of Women Voters, will demonstrate how ordinary citizens can do more than just vote to influence the political process to get things done.



Correne Kristiansen

Bucks-Mont Collaborative
Action Network



Blessing Osazuwa

Statewide Organizer for
League of Women Voters
of Pennsylvania

Sunday, December 13, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

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Voices of Young Advocates

"Voices of Young Advocates", Jarrett Lash, American Youth Representative to the United Nations and Planning Director, Upper Merion Township, and Jojo Dalwadi, Community Engagement Specialist, Montgomery County Commissioners Office, share their inspiring calls to action while still in their early 20's.



Jarrett Lash

Director of Planning
Upper Merion Township



Jojo Dalwadi

Community Engagement
Specialist for Montgomery
County Commissioners

All events are free & all are welcome.

Directions:

MacColl Auditorium is located
on the St. Thomas' campus.
A campus map can be found at:
stthomaswhitemarsh.org

About the Human Dignity Ministry

This ministry has been formed in support of the St. Thomas' *Faith in Action* strategic plan which has called us to "engage in positively impactful social justice initiatives." Its foundational inspiration is our Baptismal Covenant "to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being." We are committed to exploring the intersection of our religious faith and our civic responsibility, in a non-partisan way, during these challenging times.

**Here for God.
Here for good.**