

About the Second Amendment Conversation

Thursday, January 23, 7 p.m., via Zoom

The Second Amendment and the “right to keep and bear arms” are two of the most commonly cited arguments in any conversation concerning gun safety and ownership. But the citation, and the Second Amendment itself, is often misused and misunderstood.

Professors Joseph Blocher and Darrell Miller, authors of *The Positive Second Amendment* and co-founders of the Duke Center for Firearms Law, will take us through the origins of the Second Amendment, as well as its journey through the courts and public perception to where we are today. Nonpolitical, balanced and fact-based, this webinar will help attendees to understand what the Second Amendment is and is not, the intentions and factors that went into its creation, and how and why it has changed over the centuries. Informational and educational, this presentation is appropriate for anyone with an interest in American history, conversations about gun safety or the facts about this key amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

[Register.](#)

NEW: Diocesan Book Study: *What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*

Thursdays, February 20-March 27, 12-1 p.m., via Zoom

The Subcommittee on Race and Social Justice of the Chartered Committee for Lifelong Formation invites you to join them for an eight-week diocesan-wide book reading and lunchtime discussion. There is no cost to attend this event. Please consider purchasing the book from your preferred local book retailer.

[Contact Jenny Beaumont](#), missioner for adult and lifelong formation, with questions.

[Register.](#)

RESCHEDULED: Pilgrimage to St. Mark's, Wilson

NEW DATE: Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., at St. Mark's, Wilson

There is nothing quite so sacred or moving as walking on the path and in the footsteps of those whom history has not treated with dignity and grace. As an important part of our mission strategy, we have a huge opportunity to educate ourselves about what has happened in this diocese and in North Carolina concerning race and the lack of social justice.

We will journey to St. Mark's to learn more about their history and explore Wilson's African American history, Freeman Round House and African American History Museum, and the Tobacco Factory. Our day will end with a closing Eucharist.

Lunch will be provided. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to St. Mark's, Wilson. The \$15 fee is payable at registration, and there is space for 60 participants.

If you registered for the original January 11 pilgrimage date, you do not need to register again.

[Register.](#)

Sacred Ground

Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. via Zoom

Begins February 4, 2025

Since its launch five years ago, Sacred Ground, The Episcopal Church's 11-part, film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith, has impacted and educated through thousands of study circles across the church.

Opportunities to take part in Sacred Ground facilitator training will take place following the course's conclusion.

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