

PRESBYTERY OF MILWAUKEE PRESENTS

2019 RECONCILIATION SPEAKER SERIES

NY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR, ROBIN DIANGELO



Robin DiAngelo, author of the New York Times best selling book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism*, will join us on **May 21** at **Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church** as we work to recognize the behaviors and often unconscious bias that perpetuates racial division. Dr. DiAngelo will describe the way race shapes the lives of White people, explain what makes racism so hard for White people to see, and identify common White racial patterns that prevent us from moving towards greater racial equity. Weaving information, analysis, stories, images, and familiar examples, she provides the framework needed to develop white racial literacy. Although the focus is on white racial identity development, people of color may also find the analysis valuable as it is one that is rarely affirmed or provided in mainstream society. Dr. DiAngelo has been a consultant and trainer for over 20 years on issues of racial and social justice.

May 21, 2019 · 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church · 2366 N. 80th Street · Wauwatosa

AWARD-WINNING EDUCATOR, BETTINA L. LOVE



Dr. Bettina L. Love is an award-winning author and Associate Professor of Educational Theory & Practice at the University of Georgia. Her most recent book, *We Want To Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching And The Pursuit Of Educational Freedom*, draws on personal stories, research, and historical events to offer a vision of educational justice inspired by the rebellious spirit and methods of abolitionists.

On **September 25** at **Good Shepherd Trinity Church**, Dr. Love will show us the

harm done by an educational system that does not recognize the gifts of all students, particularly students of color. She will focus on the struggles and the possibilities of committing ourselves to an abolitionist goal of educational freedom, as opposed to reform, and moving beyond what she calls the educational survival complex. Abolitionist Teaching is built on the creativity, imagination, boldness, ingenuity, and rebellious spirit and methods of abolitionists to demand and fight for an educational system where all students are thriving, not simply surviving.

September 25, 2019 · 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Good Shepherd Trinity Church · 3302 N. Sherman Boulevard · Milwaukee

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ADVOCATE, HON. JANINE GESKE



The Honorable Janine Geske is a professor at Marquette University Law School and has served Wisconsin as Milwaukee County Circuit Court judge, Wisconsin Supreme Court justice, and Milwaukee County Executive and is the founder of the Restorative Justice Institute at Marquette. On **November 21** at **Jerusalem Presbyterian Church (Wales)**, Judge Geske will reveal the potential for abuse within the church and the need for restorative justice and reconciliation. Restorative justice can help survivors better understand what the perpetrator was thinking or why the attack happened. Abuse in the church, particularly when based on relationships of trust, requires layers of reconciliation. Judge Geske is a proponent of “healing circles” as a tool for repairing harm caused by a crime, including clergy sexual abuse. Healing circles also can help abuse survivors feel acknowledged and welcome in their churches, where they might otherwise be ostracized or not believed. She will offer tools from her experience to help mend rifts within the church and guide us toward meaningful reconciliation in all types of conflict.

November 21, 2019 · 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Jerusalem Presbyterian Church · 207 W. Main Street · Wales

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