

A NEW SACRED GROUND CIRCLE IS FORMING-- Meetings begin on December 1, 2020

The Commission for Intercultural Ministry is forming a Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle that will begin meeting on December 1, 2020. Sacred Ground is a 10-session study of the history of race in the United States, and the relationship between anti-racism work and faith. This course is a transformative opportunity to learn more about the history of various racial groups in our country, to reflect upon your own relationship to race, and to prayerfully consider God's call to you to continue learning, acting, and reflecting in the future.

Led by The Rev. Anne Clarke of Grace Episcopal Church in St. Helena and The Rev. Betsey Monnot, we will journey together through presentations, small and large group discussions, and various forms of prayer.

This Sacred Ground Circle will meet every two weeks on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm beginning December 1, 2020 (with an extra week off on December 29 for Christmas.) Each session requires two-three hours of preparation, including watching documentary film(s) and reading supplied materials. We ask that you be prepared to attend at least eight out of the 10 sessions, and that you have adequate time to complete the preparatory work for each session, before committing to the course, so that our discussion groups can develop trust and continuity. We will offer this course again, so please prayerfully consider whether this is the right time to make this commitment.

There is no charge for participation, however, participants will need access to a computer to attend sessions and access materials and will also be asked to read two books (available from libraries, or online sellers--approximate total cost of less than \$35).

Click on this link to register: <https://forms.gle/NyqF4QMUX8JhGncV8>

Please register by November 17, 2020. After you register, we will contact you with additional information and materials. Participation in a Sacred Ground Circle satisfies the requirement for Racial Healing and Reconciliation Training for church leaders.

Sacred Ground Session Schedule – 6:00-7:30 pm, Tuesday evenings

Session 1: December 1

Session 2: December 15 [Extra week off for Christmas]

Session 3: January 5

Session 4: January 19

Session 5: February 2

Session 6: February 16 (Shrove Tuesday)

Session 7: March 2

Session 8: March 16

Session 9: March 30 (Holy Week)

Session 10: April 13

Optional 11th session: April 27