

Every Sunday at Advent we offer our prayers for opportunities to engage in helpful conversations around the issue of racism.



**Our prayers have been answered!**  
You are invited to participate in a  
**NEW RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

The initial offering of the program is an eight session series of lectures, sponsored by the Stan Greenspan Center for Peace and Justice. The lectures will be held throughout the fall of 2017 at Queens, Johnson C. Smith and UNCC. Our hope is that a group of interested people at Advent will attend these lectures and will remain connected to this network of Charlotte racial justice advocates.

In addition, we will think together on how we can best share our learnings from these lectures with the rest of the congregation. This may result in a forum/adult gathering during the Sunday school hour, advocacy trips to Raleigh or Washington, D.C., a new small group, and/or other opportunities for learning and growth.

To register for the series, please email Louise Clark, advocacy coordinator, at [clarkl2@queens.edu](mailto:clarkl2@queens.edu). There is a \$25 suggested registration fee for the advocacy series. Students are free. Please also email Toni Hagerman at [hagermanic@gmail.com](mailto:hagermanic@gmail.com) to connect with the group from Advent for carpooling and opportunities to discuss/debrief/plan for action.

**Session One**

Sunday, September 10, 6:30-8:00 pm, Queens University of Charlotte, Ketner Auditorium

**“A Change is Gonna Come”: From Civil Rights to Black Power**

Waldo E. Martin, Jr., Alexander F. and May T. Morrison Professor of American History and Citizenship, University of California, Berkeley

**Session Two**

Thursday, September 28, 6:30-8:00 pm, Johnson C. Smith University, New Science Center Auditorium

**Race is Nothing, Race is Everything: Understanding the Inclusion Process**

Dr. Melvin Herring, Director of the Masters in Social Work Program,  
Johnson C. Smith University

Dr. James Freeman, Assistant Professor in the Masters of Social Work Program at Johnson C. Smith University

**Session Three**

Thursday, October 5, 6:30-8:00 pm, Queens University of Charlotte

***How We Got Where We Are with Race – Jim Crow, Civil Rights, and the Queen City***

Dr. Sarah Griffith, Professor of History, Queens University of Charlotte

Dr. Mark Kelso, Professor of Political Science and International Studies, Queens University of Charlotte

Dr. Brenda Tindal, Staff Historian, Levine Museum of the New South

**Session Four**

Thursday, October 19, 7:00-8:30 pm, University of North Carolina Charlotte, James H. Barnhardt Student Activity Center, Salons D & E

***An Examination of Race, Ethnicity, and “Othering” in American Religious Traditions***

Dr. Julia Robinson Moore, Associate Professor, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC Charlotte

Dr. Rodney Sadler, Associate Professor of Bible, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Moderator: Rabbi Judy Schindler, Associate Professor of Judaic Studies, Queens University

**Session Five**

Thursday, October 26, 7:00-8:30 pm, University of North Carolina Charlotte, Bonnie E. Cone University Center – McKnight Auditorium

***Media and the Portrayal of Race*****Session Six**

Thursday, November 2, 6:30-8:00 pm, Johnson C. Smith University, Biddle Hall Gambrell Auditorium

***Policing and Personal Pain***

Moderator: Robert Dawkins, State organizer for SAFE (Safety Accountability Fairness Equity) and panel with parents who have lost children at the hands of police

**Session Seven**

Thursday, November 9, 6:30-8:00 pm, Queens University of Charlotte

***Where We are and Where We Are going***

Dr. Susan McCarter, Associate Professor of Social Work, University of North Carolina Charlotte

Brian Collier, Executive Vice President, Foundation For The Carolinas

Moderator: Mitchell Feld, Director of Children's Defense, Council for Children's Rights

**Session Eight*****Setting Our Advocacy Agenda***

Thursday, November 16, 6:30-8:00 pm, Queens University of Charlotte