

FAITH, EDUCATION AND REPARATIONS

Join Coming to the Table RVA as we boldly move forward in our campaign to repair what is broken in our city. Dr David Ragland, founder of the Truth-Telling Project, Lotte Dula, creator of Reparations4Slavery.org and a host of local professionals will be on hand to brainstorm strategies of reparations that work.

About Coming To The Table – RVA

Coming To The Table - RVA (CTTT-RVA) facilitates the “courageous, clumsy and often uncomfortable” conversations on race by creating a safe space for constructive dialogue, implementing circle process, restorative language and peace-building principles. Inspired by the vision of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in his “I Have a Dream” speech, CTTT-RVA explores the challenges of reaching across racial, political and societal lines literally at the dinner table - breaking down barriers and building bridges. Coming To The Table - RVA is our area's local chapter of a national organization founded in 2006 on the campus of Eastern Mennonite University.

CTTT-RVA helps people learn how to engage in these courageous and clumsy and sometimes uncomfortable conversations around the table at home, at school and in the workplace. Our table has four legs - (1) Uncovering history, (2) Making connections, (3) Working toward healing and (4) Taking action to dismantle systems of oppression. Each leg provides stability for our mission of racial healing. CTTT-RVA is dedicated to promoting racial equity and social justice, and to teaching others how to do this as well.

About Our Guest Speakers



Dr. Corey D. B. Walker is a visiting professor at the University of Richmond, where he teaches courses in leadership studies and the humanities at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and the School of Arts and Sciences, respectively. He collaborates with campus and community partners on research, teaching, and public programming on the University's recently acquired Wyatt Tee Walker collection. – [Read More](#)



David Ragland is Co-Founder and Co-director for the Truth Telling project of Ferguson and is a Visiting Professor at Pacifica Graduate Institute. In the early days of the Ferguson Uprising, David helped to found the Truth Telling Project so that marginalized voices could be heard and part of moving society toward recognition of this experience to lay the groundwork for healing, reconciliation and social transformation. He researches and thinks about the moral dimensions of violence and trauma against vulnerable populations in the U.S as well as envisioning a world with reduced violence on all levels. – [Read More](#)

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JANUARY 22, 2020

Union Presbyterian Seminary, 3401 Brook Rd., Richmond



Lotte Lieb Dula, capital project financial strategist, has helped Denver-area non-profits and municipalities knit together the financial elements of their capital construction projects since 2002.

While going through some old family records, retired financial strategist Lotte Lieb Dula discovered her great-great grandfather's leather-bound notebook that held a family secret. – [Read More](#)



Meldon D. Jenkins-Jones is the law librarian at the Richmond Public Law Library. A native of New York City, Meldon's vibrant career has spanned both the legal and information studies fields.

Her legal career began while working in the Mayor's Policy and Development Office in Newark, NJ. She then practiced in Landlord-Tenant Court while employed at the Newark Housing and Redevelopment Authority. – [Read More](#)

Agenda

11:45 am - 12:10 pm	Dr. Corey Walker Visiting Professor of Religion and Society University of Richmond	Location: UPS Chapel
12:10 pm - 12:30 pm		<i>Ministerial Address</i> Location: UPS Chapel
12:30 pm - 12:45 pm	Danita Rountree Green Co-CEO and Co-Founder, CTTT/RVA	<i>Introductions, Program Overview</i> <i>Education Focus</i> Location: UPS Chapel
12:45 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch	Location: Holderness Dining Room
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Dr. David Ragland Founder and Co-Director of the Truth Telling Project of Ferguson and the National Reparations Network	<i>Healing from the Ground Up: A Faith-Based Approach to Healing What Is Broken</i> Location: UPS Chapel
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Lotte Lieb Dula Denver-based Reparations Activist	<i>My Journey: Reparations4Slavery for White</i> Location: UPS Chapel
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Break	
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Pam Smith Micah Initiative Coordinator, Richmond Hill	<i>Example 1 of Education Partnership Opportunities in RVA: Micah Initiative</i>

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Senior Librarian, Law Librarian
Richmond Public Library
Clarence McGill
CTTT/RVA Reparations Circle, BMER
Volunteer

*Example 2 of Education
Opportunities in RVA:
Richmond Public Library's BMER
and Get Lit Programs*
Location: UPS Chapel

3:30 pm - 3:40 pm

Breakout Session
[Background and instructions](#)
D. Green, E. Henderson, J. Swerling

Location: UPS Chapel

3:40 pm - 4:45 pm

[Breakout sessions](#)

*Education-related ideas and
programs*
Location(s): TBD

4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Breakout group reports

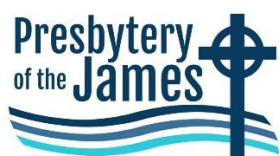
Location: UPS Chapel

5:15 pm - 5:30 pm

Danita Rountree Green

Summary, next steps, close

We would like to thank our sponsor!



Guided by the desire to see our presbytery and all God's people live more fully into the two great commandments to love God and our neighbor as ourselves, the Dismantling Racism Building Beloved Community Ministry of the Presbytery of the James (POJ) will investigate and propose steps that the POJ can take to witness to the love of God for all people and our opposition to acts of hate and discrimination. We will suggest avenues through which the Presbyterian Church in Virginia can study, confess and seek to repent of its own history of racism. We will recommend resources that the POJ could promote for use at the presbytery, community or congregational level (e.g. books, studies, media, pilgrimages, conversation groups, speakers, seminars and more). We will encourage partnerships with community groups who share the vision of building beloved community in the commonwealth.