

**Province V of the Episcopal Church
and
the Public Theology Network
present:
The Basics of Faith-Based Public Advocacy
a mini-series**

**Session #2 Course Pack
October 13, 2020**

Greetings Province V Public Theologians!

Below you will find a few items for our session this evening. I am excited to share this time with you. This group rocked it last week with insights and pithy questions.

Here are 3 links to keep handy:

The [survey for Session 1](#) (If you haven't taken it yet, please do! Your feedback is vital to this project!)

The Facebook Group, "[Faith-Based Advocates](#)" - this group was created by and is monitored by Political Theology Matters. Join us to continue our conversations about public theology in a safe and private setting.

<https://www.biblegateway.com> This will come in handy later in our session. Or, you can do it old school and have your Bible nearby.

You will find the following items in your mini-course pack:

1. Biblical passages from Exodus and Luke
2. A PT Checklist for assessing mission
3. A "Get Involved Now" resource for **immediate PT action** (per your survey requests)!!

Biblical Passages for Session II

(We will be looking carefully at the Exodus passages, so familiarize yourselves ahead of time, if need be. I'm sure you know these passages very well!)

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses at the Burning Bush

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. **3** Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." **4** When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." **5** Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." **6** He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, **8** and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. **9** The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. **10** So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." **11** But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" **12** He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

The Divine Name Revealed

13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" **14** God said to Moses, "I am who I am."^[a] He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" **15** God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord,^[b] the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Exodus 7:1-6

Moses and Aaron Obey God's Commands

¹ The Lord said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. ² You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his land. ³ But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and I will multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. ⁴ When Pharaoh does not listen to you, I will lay my hand upon Egypt and bring my people the Israelites, company by company, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. ⁵ The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out from among them." ⁶ Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the Lord commanded them.

Exodus 11:4-8

Warning of the Final Plague

⁴ Moses said, [addressing Pharaoh] "Thus says the Lord: About midnight I will go out through Egypt. ⁵ Every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne to the firstborn of the female slave who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the livestock. ⁶ Then there will be a loud cry throughout the whole land of Egypt, such as has never been or will ever be again. ⁷ But not a dog shall growl at any of the Israelites—not at people, not at animals—so that you may know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. ⁸ Then all these officials of yours shall come down to me, and bow low to me, saying, 'Leave us, you and all the people who follow you.' After that I will leave." And in hot anger he left Pharaoh.

Luke 24:13-35

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[i] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.^[g] ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[h] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.^[i] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[j] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us^[k] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Key Essentials to Public Theology Checklist

Essential Keys to Political Theology

Checklist

Seeing Suffering

What theological teaching informs your mission?

Thinking up a Strategy

Acting

Public element

Spirituality

Ways to get involved today!

Provided by Mr. Adonis Flores, former undocumented immigrant Immigrants' Rights Campaign Director, Michigan United Adonis will be a guest panelist on October 20th, for Session III!

People's Action: Is a national network of 501c4 organizations advocating for the environment, healthcare, housing and free college. We have partners in Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. Below are the links.

Website: <https://peoplesaction.org/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/pplsaction>

Partner website directory: <https://peoplesaction.org/member-organizations/>

Michigan Partner is Michigan People's Campaign, a 501c4 organization fighting for immigrant rights, climate justice, healthcare and workers rights.

Upcoming events:

- [Phone Banking Thursdays](#)
- [Texting Tuesdays](#)
- [Training on How to Use Our Texting App](#)

For more 501c3 non-partisan advocacy, people can participate with the following organizations:

Wisconsin: Voces de la Frontera

Website: <http://vdlf.org/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/VocesdeFronteraWI/>

Illinois: Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Website: <https://www.icirr.org/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/ICIRR>

Michigan: Michigan United

Website: <https://www.miunited.org/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/MichiganUnited/>

Upcoming events:

- "Ain't No Stopping Us Now" Voting for Racial Equality: <http://bit.ly/AintNoStopping>