

# Open Wide Your **Heart!**

## Spring Meeting of the SE Association

This year's Annual Meeting for the SE Association will be on **April 21, 2018**. We will gather and enjoy the hospitality of **Plymouth Congregational Church in Burlington**.

Our day will open with a lively worship service and keynote address from **Rhonda Hill**. Rhonda will invite us to be "*Myth Busters*" as we examine how the power of the stories we tell inform our understanding of race and poverty, immigration and justice. Rhonda Hill has spent over a decade focusing on issues of race, poverty, and leadership. Her commitment to raising up leaders who are culturally competent is seen through her previous work with the Milwaukee Social Development Commission, the YWCA, the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA, and now with her leadership as executive director of the Urban Gathering Center. Rhonda also shares her gifts with the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee. She maintains her quest for racial justice through her own organization, Race and Faith. Rhonda has a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, and an expected master's degree in theological studies from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Rhonda's greatest role is mother to four-year-old Josiah.

After we learn and grow with Rhonda we will engage in the business of the Association and share table fellowship over lunch. Our afternoon will be led by Reggie Jackson of Milwaukee's Black Holocaust Museum. Reggie is a much sought after speaker about issues of diversity, inclusion, and equity within institutions and the greater society. He will help us explore the hidden history of race in our nation and specifically in Milwaukee. His depth of knowledge and engaging style will deepen our understanding of the complex nature of our history and how this history continues to impact the quality of life in our communities.

We will conclude our day with a closing worship and blessings to be taken to our congregations.