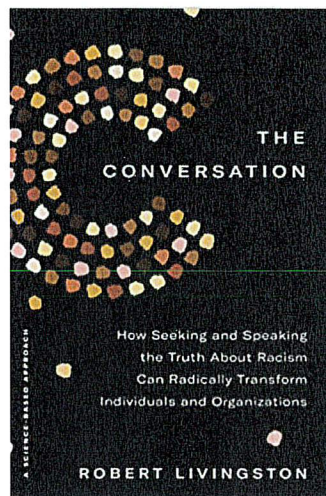


The Conversation Book Study

The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth About Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations
(Dr. Robert Livingston)

"...Conversation is one of the most powerful ways to **build knowledge, awareness, and empathy**, and ultimately to affect change. Conversation is also a primal way for people to form bonds, build trust, and create community." — Introduction, page xiii



Christ commands us as disciples to love our neighbors. Loving our neighbors is action-oriented discipleship. That requires us as Christians to know and understand our neighbors, to gain insight into how they experience day-to-day life. Studying *The Conversation* will provide us with a format to help gain that understanding.

Author Dr. Robert Livingston's non-accusatory approach to racial issues invites us to start with dialogue that includes mutually designed actions to benefit the entire community. Faith United's Love Your Neighbor Team invites you to join us in our efforts to build deep understanding and design thoughtful actions.

Please join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm beginning March 9- April 27th, Faith United Church Parlor and/or Zoom. **Facilitators: Retired Judge Mike Howard and Krista L. Allison.**

Want to learn more prior to joining the book study, check out the 12-minute video from Behind the Book, a production of Library and Knowledge Services at Harvard Kennedy School at [The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth About Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations](#)

Join Us: Wednesdays from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Zoom or In-Person	
March 9th	Chapters 1, 2, and 3
March 16th	Chapters 4, 5, and 6
March 23	Chapter 7 and Forum 1 Discussion
March 30	Chapters 8 and 9
April 6	Chapter 10 and Forum 2 Discussion
April 20	Chapters 11 and 12
April 27	Wrap up and Forum 3 Discussion

To register for the book study email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or jheskett@faithumchurch.org.

Learn more about The Conversation at <https://www.myfaithunited.org/adult-programs-groups/>.

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Meet the Facilitators for The Conversation Book Study!

JUDGE MICHAEL L. HOWARD, RETIRED



JUDGE MICHAEL L. HOWARD retired in December 2016, after twelve years on the bench of the Stark County Court of Common Pleas, Family Court Division. Judge Howard first served the Court from 1974 to 1979 as an Intake Officer and law clerk for Judge W. Don Reader. He returned to the Court in 1991 to

serve as Magistrate and was elected Judge in 2004.

Judge Howard is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and The University of Akron School of Law. He was a Certified Public Accountant and Senior Tax Manager at the international public accounting firm of Deloitte in Seattle, Washington. While living in Seattle, Judge Howard was a volunteer Guardian ad Litem for abused and neglected children.

Judge Howard is chair of the board of the United Way of Greater Stark County and the a former board chair of the Early Childhood Resource Center. The Judge also serves on the Care Team executive committee and the board of the Stark Education Partnership.

Judge Howard serves on the Advisory Boards of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, the Center for Resilient Families at the University of Minnesota, the National Native Children's Trauma Center at the University of Montana, and the Center for Trauma Recovery and Juvenile Justice at the University of Connecticut.

Judge Howard co-authored "Children Who Have Been Traumatized: One Court's Response" which appeared in the Fall 2008 special edition of the *Juvenile & Family Court Journal*, and "Development and Pilot of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network Trauma-Informed Juvenile Court Self-Assessment" which appeared in the Summer 2019 special edition of the *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*.

The Judge is also a co-author of "Complex Trauma and Mental Health in Children and Adolescents Placed in Foster Care: Findings from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network" which appeared in the 2011 special issue of the *Child Welfare Journal*, and "Trauma Exposure, Psychiatric Disorders, and Resiliency in Juvenile-Justice-Involved Youth" which appeared in the July 2013 issue of *Psychological Trauma: Theory Research, Practice and Policy*.

Judge Howard is a member of the North Canton Alumni Association and Faith United Methodist Church. He and his wife Debra have been married for forty-four years and are the parents of two adult daughters.

KRISTA L. ALLISON, J.D.

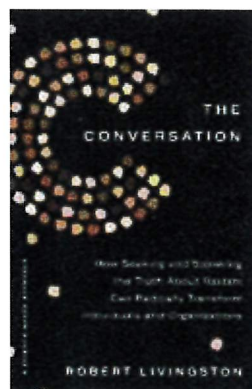


Krista L. Allison is an education advocate and public speaker and provides training and coaching to education leaders to create an environment that serves the whole child. Krista volunteers throughout the community, from local foodbank ministries to serving

on various boards. She is a lead facilitator for the Dismantling Racism Coalition of Stark County.

At the heart of her servant leadership are women and youth ministry. Mrs. Allison supports the youth ministry department at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. In 2015, Krista was called by the Lord to start "GO!" (God's Opportunity). Each GO! women's Bible study is filled with engaging and in-depth biblical conversations and reflections on our walk with the Lord. As a part of the GO! ministry, Mrs. Allison is the author of a weekly blog and podcast called "The Monday GO! Report (A Weekly Inspiration To Jumpstart Your Week!)"

Krista is married to Adrian E. Allison, and they have two daughters, Averi and Anastasia, who both attend The Ohio State University.



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