

## Invitation to Learn – from Jude+



After the weeks we've had, I have several things on my mind.

The first is my excitement about a 4-part series on the Book of Acts I'm offering beginning Tuesday, June 30 at 7pm and continuing for the next three Tuesdays. I've divided the Book of Acts into four parts and we will examine one each week! We will meet on zoom, of course, and so if you are interested please contact me and I will give you more information and send you the link!! See the enews announcement.

The second is taking to heart what the Black community has said so clearly, and that is that most of us don't know enough; we don't know the history in our own country of the Black experience. I am not at all interested in debate or even opinions. I am not interested in fault, blame or even a point of view. I am interested in learning, by listening, and watching films and documentaries, by reading articles and books, and then, eventually, talking about it to deepen our understanding in the context of our faith. I know this might not interest all of you, and that's okay. And, I certainly share an emotional fatigue with all that's happened, but I feel called to at least begin.

My invitation to those of you who are interested is to just begin to listen, read and watch, and then, eventually, we can share with each other what we are learning. There are a vast amount of resources available, and the Episcopal Church continues to send all kinds of videos, articles and essays. I will make those links available. But for now, just begin on your own or with your family. Then later in the summer or early fall, if there is interest, we might meet.

Let me repeat. This is to be about learning more about the Black experience and deepening our faith connection to our world. I have begun by watching *The 13<sup>th</sup>* on Netflix, a PBS News Hour called *Race Matters*. I just finished *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo, and I've read some of the articles from the National Church. Let me know if you want to join me or if you have any questions. Thank you for reading this all the way to the end!

Faithfully,

**Jude+**