

Hebron Coalition on Diversity and Equity (CoDE)
Community Conversations: Building a More Diverse, Equitable and Vibrant Community

Equity from a Faith Perspective

June 9, 2021

7 - 8:30 pm

Via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mErZFnlmSUuQyaboNEIFJQ

Social justice issues are part of the fabric of religious organizations. We'll learn from religious leaders from across Connecticut and from Hebron about the connection between religious faith and social justice. We'll learn how faith communities are bringing people together to understand and address structural racism in our communities, and to build bridges and unity. And we'll talk about the power of compassion and love to create a welcoming community.

Speakers:

Dr. Benjamin Foster, Jr., public intellectual and lecturer in African American studies and religion at Central Connecticut State University

Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Hebron

Rev. Dr. Denise Esslinger, pastor, Gilead Congregational Church, Hebron

Cantor Diane Maran, cantor, United Brethren of Hebron Synagogue

Run of Show

Amy D'Amaddio Chair, CoDE	Welcome, overview, intro speakers	(7 mins)
Dr. Benjamin Foster	The connection between our faith and social justice	(10 mins)
Rev. Dr. Denise Esslinger	The power of compassion and love to create a welcoming community	(10 mins)
Cantor Diane Maran	Understanding a history of persecution to move forward toward unity	(10 mins)
Rev. Ron Kolanowski	His journey to understand the impact of structural racism	(10 mins)
Amy D'Amaddio	Q and A	(15 mins)
Amy D'Amaddio	Thank you and close	(5 mins)