

HOUSING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Educational Series
March 12, 2023 4 – 5PM

Hosted by:
St. George's Church Arlington
and
Virginia Diocesan Homes

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AGENDA

- Hosts
- Overview of the series
- Opening poem
- Presentations
- Small Group Discussion
- Closing Discussion
- Closing scripture

Protocol

- Presentations will be recorded and posted on St. G's website: <https://www.saintgeorgeschurch.org/>
- Please use the chat box for comments and questions

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HOSTS

The Reverend
Mother Crystal
Hardin,
Associate Rector

Nina Janopaul,
President VDH
and member
Saint George's

Saint George's Episcopal Arlington 3

- Purpose: Growing in God's love to promote justice, healing and reconciliation
- Founded 1908
- An inclusive and vibrant community of varied ages and backgrounds
- Located near the Virginia Square Metro station in the center of Arlington

Virginia Diocesan Homes

- Purpose: to help congregations interested in redeveloping their properties for mission
- A nonprofit organization related to the Diocese of Virginia
- Founded in 1959
- 14 board members from across the Diocese
- Affiliated with 5 Senior Life Plan communities and 3 affordable housing properties

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THIS SERIES

- March 5th – Introduction & Overview
- March 12th - Racial Disparities and Housing–TODAY**
- March 19th – Refugee & Immigrant Housing Issues
- March 26th - Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Housing Issues
- April 2nd – How is Government Addressing Housing Challenges
- April 9th– NO CLASS—HAPPY EASTER
- April 16th – Role of Advocacy and the Faith Community
- April 23rd - Faith Leadership Models

Pay attention...

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LANGSTON HUGHES

Island

Wave of sorrow,
Do not drown me now:

I see the island
Still ahead somehow.

I see the island
And its sands are fair:

Wave of sorrow,
Take me there.

Pay attention

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Race & Housing
in Arlington

A 7-minute video from the Alliance for Housing Solutions

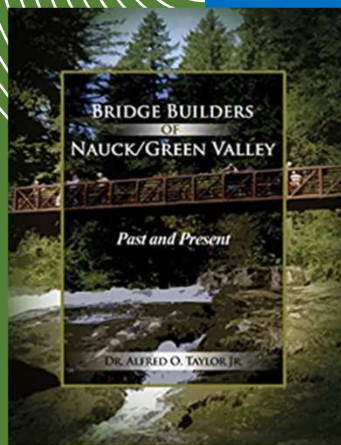
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RACE & HOUSING PANEL

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- Dr. Alfred Taylor, author of *Bridge Builders of Nauck/Green Valley: Past and Present*. Dr. Taylor was born and raised in Arlington and worked at the University of District Columbia for 31 years. He is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.
- Ellyn “Lyn” Lomack Crawford, Saint George’s Episcopal Church, Convener of Social Justice Ministry, facilitator, trainer and consultant on anti-racism and diversity in the Diocese
- Christine Albee Purka, member of Calloway United Methodist Church (UMC), works for the nonprofit Challenging Racism and conceived the program of Courageous Conversations between Calloway UMC and Rocks Springs UCC.

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Be astonished

LIFE IN GREEN VALLEY, ARLINGTON

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- Arlington’s oldest Black neighborhood
- Founded 1844
- Housing Barriers:
 - Jim Crow
 - Access to financing
 - Education impacts
- Bridge Builders over the years

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SAINT GEORGE'S RACIAL RECONCILIATION INITIATIVE

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- Focus on Formation
- From “Other” to Beloved/A Covenant: Forum
- Sacred Ground Programs
- Author Event: John M. Johnson, A Death Mob Gathered, about the 1926 lynching of Raymond Byrd
- Juneteenth Forum: Policing and African Americans
- Book Reading: The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James H. Cone
- Author Event: Dr. Alfred Taylor

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COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

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- Partnership between Rock Springs United Church of Christ and Calloway United Methodist Church
- Courageous Conversation program
- Racial Equity Action Group (REAG)

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6 Month Overview: *Courageous Conversations for our Community*

2021 Date	Topics	Speakers
1 26 Jan 2021	Program Launch RockSpring & Calloway: Our Shared Past, Present, and Future	Hosts Rev. Kathy Dwyer and Rev. DeLishia Davis Guest President Arlington NAACP
2 23 Feb 2021	Criminal Justice in Arlington Issues such as Restorative Justice	Commonwealth Attorney Coordinator Restorative Arlington
3 23 Mar 2021	Equitable Education in Arlington Issues such as School Segregation, Achievement Gaps, and Inequity	NAACP Education Committee Co-Chair & Black Parents of Arlington Chief Diversity Equity Inclusion Officer, Arlington Public Schools
4 27 Apr 2021	Housing in Arlington Issues such as Residential Segregation, Affordability, and Gentrification	Arlington Housing Commission & VP Arlington NAACP Former Chair Arlington Housing Commission, current Chair Joint Facilities Advisory Commission
5 25 May 2021	Special Walking Tour / Field Trip Historically Black Neighborhood Halls Hills*	Host Wilma Jones, Historian & Halls Hill Residents
6 22 Jun 2021	Culminating Event Next Steps to Action	Special Guest Speaker Dr. Susan Smith Moving Forward & Taking Action

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Key Insights

- Our objective: *“Build on our connections of faith to change hearts & minds in our community.”*
- Focus on 3 key racial equity issues: Housing, Education, and Criminal Justice
- Journey from Education to Action:
Pre-Work / Local Experts / Small Group Discussions / *Grow & Connect* Resources / REAGs
- Importance of story telling and connection
- Ensure a safe space for diverse groups for both discomfort and growth
- Racial Equity through a Faith-Based Lens

*“Our shared faith gave us all common ground for connection.
Using a faith-based lens reminds us of our shared humanity and fellowship
and our obligation to seek justice and equity for one another.”*

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Be an Anti-Racist.



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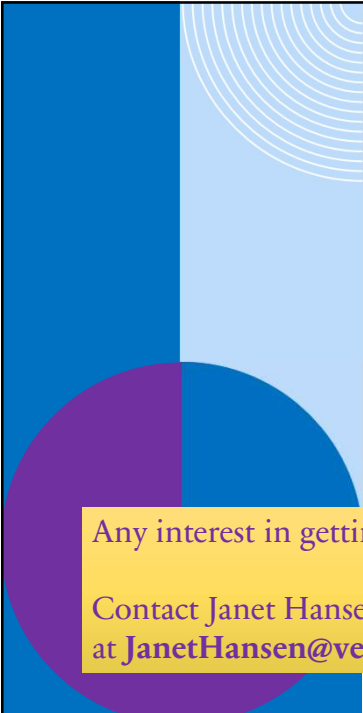
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION ¹⁵

Question:
What surprised or challenged you in the presentations about housing and racial justice?

Click the invitation to join a small group
Introduce yourself to your group
Facilitators will take notes
When prompted, click to return to main group

Tell about it.

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CLOSING THOUGHTS ¹⁶

- Next week's class:
- **Refugee/Immigrant Issues:**
What housing challenges have they faced?
- Same Zoom link next week

Any interest in getting involved with VDH?

Contact Janet Hansen, chair of Governance
 at JanetHansen@verizon.net

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CLOSING READING

Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them.

Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,

I will have no regard for them.

Away with the noise of your songs!

I will not listen to the music of your harps.

But let justice roll on like a river,

righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Amos 5:22 - 24

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Federal Government Segregated America](#) by Richard Rothstein
- [Bridge Builders of Nauck/Green Valley](#) by Alfred Taylor
- [My Halls Hill Family: More Than A Neighborhood](#) by Wilma Jones
- Alliance for Housing Solutions: <https://www.allianceforhousingsolutions.org/race-and-housing>
- Richmond Racial Equity Essays: <https://richmondracialequityessays.com/>
- Civil Rights Trail: www.CivilRightsTrail.com
- Video of the Color of Law: <https://www.epi.org/multimedia/segregated-by-design-a-preview-of-the-animated-film-based-on-richard-rothsteins-the-color-of-law/>
- AHS Video on race and housing in Arlington <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijuP07GjEqY>

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