



Racism 2020: Pathways To Taking Its Last Breath

“The starting point and aim remains that as a white person, I, and many others who will hopefully join, need to listen to our black brothers and sisters. Only by listening we can start to understand.”

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is a Lecturer in Practical Theology at the University of Aberdeen. His research centres on the role of liturgy in creating communities where everyone belongs.

The images of the killing of George Floyd sent a shockwave throughout the world. The protests that followed demand(ed) justice and proclaim that Black Lives Matter. Unfortunately, and painfully, nothing is new. Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Sheku Bayoh, Emmett Till, Travon Martin, – the list of black people who have died because of racism and police violence is long.

In this seminar we want to listen to theologians and pastors who work for racial justice in the UK, USA and beyond. They will specifically discuss: passive, active and systemic racism; current events and why they are happening; and pathways to overcome racism.

All are welcome!

Join us, July 8, 2020

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM (British Summer Time)

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Eastern Daylight Time)

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (Pacific Daylight Time)

Please Register via Zoom by: July 7, 2020



Lorraine Williams

is currently a PhD student in Practical Theology at the University of Aberdeen. She is also a certified Sign Language interpreter, an ordained minister and an associate pastor for the Deaf at her church in Gardena, CA.



Professor Anthony G. Reddie

is Britain's leading black theologian and the Director of the Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture in Regent's Park College in the University of Oxford. He is also an Extraordinary Professor of Theological Ethics and a Research Fellow with the University of South Africa.



Moderators: Pastor David and Pamela Stewart

Pastor David is the Sr. Pastor of Destiny Preparation Church in New York. He has 40 years experience in business, leadership, and people development. His wife Pamela lead's the women's ministry and is also an educator, specializing in children behavior development.



Dr. Georgianna A. Land

is an ordained minister with the African Methodist Episcopal Church, retired university professor and educational administrator. She also served as a Franklin Fellow and Foreign Affairs Officer at the US Department of State and in the Secretary's Office as Vice President for Administration at AME University, in Monrovia, Liberia.



Pastor Dwayne Persley

is the founder of the Open Arms Christian Fellowship in Los Angeles County, CA and is a System Care Coordinator and works as a liaison between the incarcerated and the Los Angeles Courts.



Marcia Dixon

runs her own PR consultancy and is a religious correspondence in London for The Voice newspaper, which chronicles the black Christian community globally.



Joe Paul, Jr.

was incarcerated and is a re-entry professional who works with ex-offenders, high-risk adults and various community service and faith-based organizations. He is also a minister at his church in Gardena, CA.



Pastor Dr. Andrew Draper

is an alumnus of the University of Aberdeen and the pastor of Urban Light Community Church in Muncie, IN where he intentionally pursues relationships of diversity across ethnic and socioeconomic lines.