



Bishop's Task Force on Anti-Racism Developments, Opportunity for Study and Conversation

In response to the public deaths of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd and Rayshard Brooks, and in support of movements toward conversation and action, Bishop Carter announced the formation of a Bishop's Task Force on Anti-Racism. The task force will include three teams: Training and Accountability; Public Policy and Witness; and Beloved Community. The leadership of these three teams was announced last week. In consultation with the District Superintendents and Dr. Sharon Austin, Director of Connectional and Justice Ministries, and in an open process that included nominations and self-nominations, the following persons will comprise the three teams.

Training and Accountability

Conveners: Candace Lewis, Esther Rodriguez and Judith Pierre-Okerson
Staff Liaisons: Episcopal Office and Appointive Cabinet

Team Members: David Allen, Craig Hammond, Dale Locke, Jose Nieves, Meghan Killingsworth, Sharon Austin, Vicki Walker, Melissa Stump, Geraldine McClellan, Mary Mitchell, Michael Beck, David Williamson, Juana Jordan, Latricia Scriven, Michelle Shrader, Brett Opalinski, Berteau Eliassaint, Rini Hernandez, and Dwayne Craig.

Public Policy and Witness

Conveners: Juana Jordan, Heather Pancoast and David Williamson
Staff Liaison: Clarke Campbell-Evans

Team Members: Allee Wilcox, Peter Cottrell, David Miller, Josh Bell, Jenn Stiles Williams, Andy Oliver, Lee Hall-Perkins, Jackie Jones-Smith, Dan Johnson, Steve Price, Michael Frazier, Simon Osunlana, Arlinda Burks, Leah Wiley, Nick Quinton, Gary Marcelin, Dawn Worden, Roy Terry, Clarice Setser, and Nancy Mayeux.

Beloved Community

Conveners: Corey Jones and Alice Williams
Staff Liaison: Sharon Austin

Team Members: David Charlton, Laura Berg, Susan Gray, Anil Singh, Mary Downey, Lynette Fields, Melissa Cooper, Paulette Monroe, Beth Fogle-Miller, Erwin Lopez, David Averill, Suzanne Pruter, Charisse Jones, Dianne Davis, Brian Johnson, Stepher Langford, David McEntire, Andy Whitaker Smith, Catherine Fluck-Price, Derrick Scott III, Pamela Green, Beth Demme, Ginger Medley, Andrea Byer, Sheryl Marks-Williams, Patricia Pena, and Denvil Farley.

The Conveners, Staff Liaisons and Team Members will participate in an orientation to their work over the next three weeks. We welcome your prayers of intercession for these persons and for this work.

Opportunity for Study, Conversation

Bishop Ken Carter and Dr. Sharon Austin will co-host a webinar on July 10 at 11:00. All are invited to participate in a study of Ibram X. Kendi's *How to Be An Antiracist*. We recognize that a number of small groups across the conference are also reading this book, which will be foundational to the Bishop's Task Force. We invite you to participate and share your own learnings.

You may register at the following link:



THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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HOW TO BE AN
ANTI-RACIST
WEBINAR

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JULY 10 | 11 A.M.

HOSTED BY:
Bishop Ken Carter & Rev. Dr. Sharon Austin

Join us for a conversation on Ibram X. Kendi's book *How to be an Anti-Racist* and the church's role to take an active stand against racism.

REGISTER AT: **[BIT.LY/ANTIRACIST-WEBINAR](https://bit.ly/antiracist-webinar)**

In addition, Bishop Carter and Dr. Austin will host a Concord Conversation on the journey toward racial justice on July 19 at 4:00 p.m. in Lakeland. The setting is outdoors. Please wear a mask. All are invited. Note: should the pandemic increase in severity, this gathering is subject to change.

The Peace of the Lord,
+Ken Carter
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