

Webinar: Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination in North America

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The Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (CCIA) of the World Council of Churches (WCC) is inviting you to a webinar on **RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION IN NORTH AMERICA**. Prof. Evelyn L. Parker, CCIA Member and Professor of Practical Theology at Perkins School of Theology, and Rev. Michael Blair, Executive Minister on Church in Mission at the United Church of Canada, will moderate the webinar.

SPEAKERS (alphabetical order):



Rev. Aundrea Alexander is the Associate General Secretary for Action and Advocacy for Justice and Peace with the National Council of Churches (NCC) USA. She leads the organization's priority to reverse the rising tide of mass incarceration in the United States and the NCC's truth and racial equity initiative. For over 20 years she has worked with ecumenical, interfaith, government and grassroots entities using her voice on a variety of justice issues. She has a B.S. in Accountancy and a J.D. both from the University of Missouri in Columbia and a M. Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Ms Dominique Day is a member of the UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent. She is a human rights attorney and the executive director of DAYLIGHT | Rule of Law • Access to Justice • Advocacy. Internationally, her litigation, public policy, research, teaching, and capacity-building work over the past two decades has focused heavily on racial justice, non-discrimination, and human rights advocacy. She has extensive experience in criminal and civil litigation on behalf of individuals and communities within the Black diaspora. She holds a bachelor's degree from Harvard University and a juris doctor from Stanford Law School.



Archbishop Mark MacDonald is the WCC president for North America. He assumed office as the Anglican Church of Canada's first National Indigenous Anglican Bishop after serving for about 10 years as bishop of the U.S. Episcopal Diocese of Alaska where he was consecrated bishop in 1997. Immediately prior to his ordination, he was canon missionary for training in the Diocese of Minnesota and vicar of St. Antipas' Church, Redby, and St. John-in-the-Wilderness Church, Red Lake, Red Lake Nation. In 2019, the general synod of the Anglican Church of Canada bestowed the title of Archbishop upon Mark MacDonald.

Ms Carmen Ramirez is enrolled in Ph.D. Studies in Practical Theology at St. Thomas University a Catholic institution in Florida (originally founded by the Augustinian order in Havana, Cuba, as Universidad de Santo Tomas de Villanueva). In 2012 she completed her MTS at the University of Toronto, Wycliffe College and enrolled in an MA program at York University. She also was the chair for the Canadian Theological Students Conference 2013 and is a member of the Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning reference group.



Rev. Jonathan Schmidt is the Canadian Council of Churches Associate Secretary: Intercultural Leadership; Justice and Peace. This work include staffing the CCC Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network and the CCC's Intercultural Ministry programs. Ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada he has served in Parish, Campus, and Ecumenical Ministries. His work, research, life, and facilitation experience have led to engaging others in learning in theology, social analysis, history, culture, race, and power. He is a student in the Doctor of Ministry program at the Toronto School of Theology.

Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith is the National Senior Associate for Pan African and Orthodox Church Engagement at Bread for the World based in Washington D.C. She has been the Ecumenical Representative for National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. and is an ecumenical representative to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches and work of the National Council of Churches in the USA. She is also President of the Historic Black Church Family of Christian Churches Together also made up of many of the USA national churches. She received her doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary.



Rev. Seth Wispelwey is a grassroots organizer, educator, nonprofit consultant and ordained minister with the United Church of Christ. In 2017, Seth guided Restoration Village Arts (RVA) through strategic planning and expansion of its mission and vision. He co-created and helped lead Congregate C'ville to equip the response of people of faith and conscience in confronting white supremacy. Seth continues as a minister with RVA immersed in advocacy, solidarity, and addressing pastoral needs and concerns wrought by the aftermath of the "Summer of Hate." Seth holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a Master's in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College.

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