

WEBINAR: RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION IN THE CARIBBEAN

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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 THE CARIBBEAN**.

Rev. Kelli D. Jolly, Itinerant Presbyterian at The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas Bahamas/ Turks and Caicos Islands District, Nassau Circuit of Churches, will moderate the webinar.

SPEAKERS (alphabetical order):



His Excellency David Comissiong is Barbados' Ambassador to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and to the Association of Caribbean States (ACS). He is also a founder-member of the Caribbean Pan-African Network (CPAN) and the Global Afrikan Congress (GAC), and was an architect and the first Director of the Barbados Government's Commission for Pan-African Affairs (CPAA). He represented the Caribbean region at the 7th Pan-African Congress in Uganda (1994), and played a key role in the United Nations' World Conference Against Racism in South Africa (2001). He has also represented the Diaspora on the African Union's Economic Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC). Between 2012 and 2018, Mr Comissiong served as a member of Barbados' National Task Force on Reparations.

Mr Ronnie Daniel is a professional who has worked in administrative positions with the Methodist Church in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the University of the West Indies Open Campus. He is a former Secretary/Treasurer of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Christian Council. Mr. Daniel has a keen interest in social justice matters and issues related to the development of Small Island States. He has studied in Jamaica and Ireland and is currently reading for a PhD in Political Science from the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies, Barbados.



Mrs Karen Francis is the Mission Secretary of Council for World Mission Caribbean – a worldwide partnership of churches in mission. She describes her core calling as Communicator; a role which has featured throughout her career. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the West Indies and a Master of Theology degree from the University of Edinburgh; both with majors in Communication. Her current work involves galvanizing action against life-denying realities such as human trafficking and gender-based violence. A commissioned minister in the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands Karen is married to Norman.

Rev. Diana de Graven is the Secretary of the Administration Committee of CANACOM. She obtained both her Bachelor (1995) and Master (2014) in Theology at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica. Contextual theology and pastoral psychology are two areas that highly interest her. In 1995, she was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in Suriname, which marked a historic occasion, being the first black Surinamese woman to be ordained in her denomination.





Rev. Merlyn Hyde Riley is the president of the Jamaica Council of Churches. She is an ordained Minister of the Jamaican Baptist Union (JBU), and served previously as a congregational pastor. She is currently serving as the Associate General Secretary of the JBU.

She has done studies in History, Theology, Ecumenism and Gender and Development Studies, and has particular interest in how intersecting systems of oppression impact vulnerable groups.

Rev. Annabell Lalla-Ramkelawan is the immediate past Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago (PCTT). She is the third women to be ordained as a minister of the Word and Sacrament by the PCTT. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the World Communion of Reform Churches. She is and advocate for the Ordination of Women, and the rightful place of women and youths in the service of the church.

Rev. Lalla-Ramkelawan has an L.Th St. Andrews Theological College Trinidad and Tobago, a Certificate in Social Work UWI, M.Th. Western Theological Seminary USA. At present, she writing her final paper for the Doctor of Ministry program at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary USA.



Mrs Jennifer Martin is the Education in Mission Secretary of the Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM) and Co-Moderator of the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace, World Council of Churches. She is a career educator with a lifelong interest in matters surrounding Equal Opportunities. Her work involves dealing with issues of racism. On moving to England from Jamaica, she worked in the areas of Multicultural Education and Anti-racist Education. She helped to establish the Anti-Racist/Racism Awareness Curriculum across the Colleges of Further Education in Leicestershire.

Her unpublished research paper entitled "Toward Equality of Opportunity - Racism Awareness Training as One Route" continues to have relevance two decades after it was written.

Ms Ayana McCalman is a resilient Lawyer, a novice Artist and a gifted Writer. Ayana was born and raised in the small village of Buxton, Guyana. Ayana has been practicing law for 14 years. During 2006 -2012 Ayana served as a Trustee/Officer of the Council for World Mission (CWM). Serving CWM deepened her understanding of the relationship between faith and justice. During 2013 while working as a CWM Missionary to South Africa Ayana she served as an English Web Writer for the 10th Assembly of the WCC in Busan, Korea. Ayana considers herself to be a global citizen.



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