

July 31, 2020

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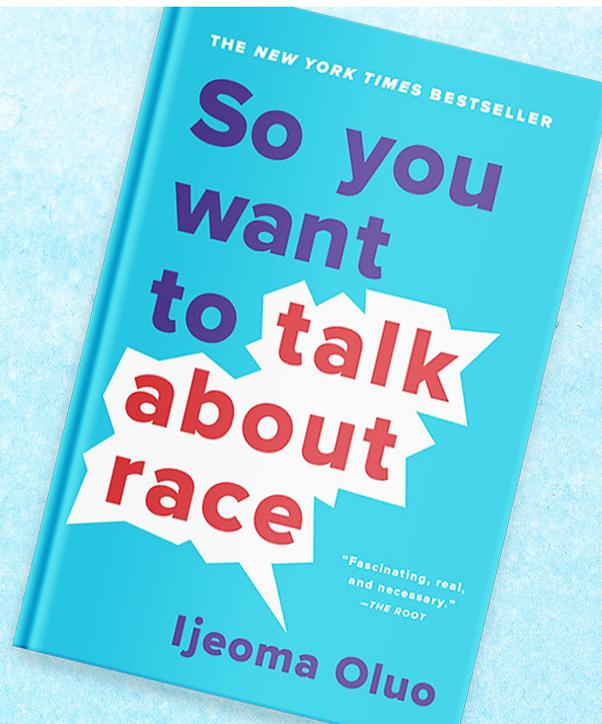
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## Dismantling Racism

By Jeff Bolognese, Dismantling Racism Subcommittee

**W**hat can *I* do? It's a question many of us have asked ourselves as we've watched our country and the world react to the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and far too many other Black American victims of systemic racism. Perhaps you've attended vigils or protests but are asking, "what now?" Or perhaps you don't even know where to start in the enormous task of dismantling racism in our country.

This summer, CPC's Peace and Justice Committee's Dismantling Racism Subcommittee is sponsoring two events to help members of our community become more educated on how to combat racism. First, is the discussion of Ijeoma Oluo's book, *So You Want to Talk About Race*, which started in July. We currently have over 50 members and friends of CPC signed up to participate in discussions.

Second, starting on August 1, we'll begin our "30 Day Dismantling Racism Challenge." At the beginning of each week, August 1-30, we'll email and post to the CPC Facebook page a week's worth of simple actions you can take to educate yourself, empower others, and act to dismantle racism. These will be activities that are easily accessible, even in the days of COVID-19.

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# Dismantling Racism Challenge

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Each day's activities will focus on one of ten different categories:

1. Learn About the History of Race in the US
2. Learn About Current Issues Around Racial Injustice
3. Educate yourself on topics around Diversity and Inclusion
4. Support Minority Owned Businesses
5. Consider Donating to Minority Serving Organizations
6. Advocate for Changes in Government
7. Seek Out Minority Voices
8. Share What You've Learned
9. Advocate for Changes in Your Community and Workplace
10. Join Up

Our hope is that these activities will allow each of us to continue to grow in our understanding of the impact of racism in our lives and the lives of others and to empower us to keep fighting to dismantle racism long after the news coverage of protests have stopped. Are you up to the challenge?

## In memoriam

### Douglas Heist (1951-2020)

We lost a dear friend of the church, colleague, staff member, our organist, Doug Heist, who died unexpectedly on Sunday, July 19. Doug joined the church staff in May 2008. Doug loved this congregation and loved serving here. In addition to being organist, he also coordinated our children's music ministry, directing the children's choir and youth choir. Our next issue of the Messenger will feature a special tribute to Doug with pictures and remembrances.



## Local Hunger Response Continues to Grow

### Catonsville Can

Non-perishable food and toiletry donations are being collected. CPC is participating in this community-wide drive throughout the summer. You can drop off your donations directly on Saturday mornings from 8–10 a.m. at Knights of Columbus at 1010 Frederick Road. Or on Fridays from 4:30–6:30 p.m. at CPC near the Frederick Road entrance. On Fridays Tricia and Bob will be there and can take items directly from your car if preferred. Then they will ensure your donations are dropped off on Saturday. Please donate if you "can" and help spread the word. Note that the bins behind the church house will be going away.

### The Great Casserole Campaign

You can help provide hot meals at the Westside Men's Shelter and Our Daily Bread by purchasing casseroles from Dimitri's International Grille. Dimitri's will provide a chicken, pasta or vegetarian casserole for every \$15 donated. How can you participate? You have 2 options:

1. Mail a check for \$15 payable to "Dimitri's" with "Casserole" on the Memo line. Dimitri's International Grille, 2205 Frederick Road, Catonsville, Maryland 21228.
2. [Contribute to CPC online](#) and designate "Local Hunger Response." CPC Mission Committee will continue to issue checks to CEA, Grace AME and now Dimitri's, based on funds received.

# Guest preacher on August 9

Please Welcome Rev. Brian Ellison

We welcome Brian Ellison back to CPC—at least virtually. Brian will be offering the sermon on August 9, as well as a Moment for Mission for the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. His message will be embedded into the recording of our service from the sanctuary. The Covenant Network is a national organization of congregations (including CPC) and individuals who seek an equity still not fully realized for LGBTQIA+ people in church and society. CovNet is determined to extend the ever-widening welcome of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Rev. Brian Ellison has served as Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians

since 2012, preaching, teaching and providing overall strategic leadership in implementing the organization's mission. Previously, Brian served as pastor of Parkville Presbyterian Church (near Kansas City, Missouri) for 13 years. He currently serves the General Assembly as a member of its Permanent Judicial Commission. He is also Stated Clerk of the Synod of Mid-America and of Heartland Presbytery. A graduate of Harvard University and Princeton Theological Seminary, Brian also is host/ contributor at NPR affiliate KCUR-FM. He and his partner, Troy Lillebo, live in Kansas City. Learn more at [www.covnetpres.org](http://www.covnetpres.org).



## Creation Care News

### Woodland Sanctuary

Looking for a quiet place for meditation or reading? Easily accessible at the Summit Ave entrance to the church grounds or a short walk from the main parking lot, the church's woodland sanctuary is a short walk along wood-chipped pathways to the solace of quiet benches, swaying grasses, and blossoming flowers. Butterflies and native bees of many types will join you. If you are interested in helping the Creation Care Team make our church grounds more environmentally sound and esthetically pleasing, then contact Ron Gunderson at [cinron.md@verizon.net](mailto:cinron.md@verizon.net) to join in gardening.

## Bible Study for 2020-21 on Lament

"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Mark 4:38. This scripture passage is a cry of lament. The Monday Morning PWs invite you to a study on Biblical lament and its role for God's people. The initial class begins on Monday, September 14, at 9:30 am via Zoom, and continues on the first Monday of the next eight months. Copies of the study guide, *Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament* (cost approx. \$12), will be ordered on Wednesday, August 12, for those who are interested. Contact Connie Renner to order the book or further information. For access to the Zoom meeting, please provide your email address to Connie Renner at [constancerenner@comcast.net](mailto:constancerenner@comcast.net) or Brenda Logue at [naylogue@aol.com](mailto:naylogue@aol.com).

# Face Mask Challenge

## Help Needed

Please help the Mission Committee provide face masks for the LWR (Lutheran World Relief) program to help prevent the spread of Covid 19 in vulnerable communities. Thank you to all those who have signed up, however we need more sign ups to help with this project. Previous Messenger articles have explained the purpose of the joint program with LWR.

If you are able to participate, please register your name on the CPC website at Face Mask Challenge Event, so we can be in touch with you.

## Reminders and Directions

- Read about the program on the LWR website at <https://lwr.org/masks>
- You do not need to pledge a set number of masks.
- You can use either elastic or ties on the masks.
- Adult masks only are needed.
- If you are making a quantity of masks, package them in ziplock bags of 25 each. If you have less than 25, label the number in your bag.

## New Information You Need to Know

Masks can be taken to the Knights of Columbus food collection site on either August 15 or August 29, from 8 am to 10 am. Look for Peggy Carr, Mission Committee Member. She will be working as a volunteer and will collect your masks, if you are ready to turn them in.

Masks will also be collected on September 6 or September 13, from 11 am to 12 pm. in the small parking lot at Catonsville Presbyterian. A Mission Committee member will meet you outside to accept your donations.

If these collection times or places do not work for your schedule, we will make other arrangements.

We will be taking all of the mask donations to the LWR-IMA World Health warehouse in New Windsor, MD by October 1. Personal Care Kits and Face Masks will be shipped to health clinics supported by these two mission partners. Thanks for your help. Questions? Call or email Glenda Johnson, for the Mission Committee, at (410) 465-2545 or [gtassoc@verizon.net](mailto:gtassoc@verizon.net).

## Our Financial Resources

We rely on everyone to support what God is doing through this congregation. The vitality of this ministry is secured by God's grace and funded by the faithfulness and commitment of God's people. We are counting on the ongoing generosity of our members and friends.

## Doing God's Work

■ Income as of July 29, 2020:	\$ 404,145
■ Expense as of July 29, 2020:	\$ -415,355
■ Total:	\$ -11,210

## THE Messenger

### Our Mission

We seek to find and share God's calling for this community of faith through worship, fellowship and service.

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