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A partnership between St. James UMC and Church of the Resurrection
You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.
Matthew 22:39

KUDOS FOR ARJ's AWARENESS TO ACTION WORKSHOP



Congratulations to all our volunteers for last month's successful "Awareness to Action Workshop"! Senior Pastors Emanuel Cleaver III and Adam Hamilton were on hand to welcome attendees and voice their ongoing support for the work of Allies for Racial Justice.

David VonDrehle, Washington Post columnist and Executive Committee Board member of the Truman Library Institute (TLI), told the story of unlikely civil rights champion, President Harry Truman. Truman had an "Aha! Moment" and used his personal power to desegregate the military and federal workforce. Fellow TLI board member, US Army Brigadier General Donald L. Scott, shared his personal story and the incredible impact Truman's decision had on his life.

Anita Maltbia, Betsy Triplet, Jamila Weaver and SuEllen Fried helped set the stage and conducted the workshop. They guided participants to identify and use their own personal power to take action on matters of injustice around wealth disparity, healthcare, education, the environment and voting rights to create positive change.



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WHITE ALLYSHIP

**WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN
ANTIRACIST ALLY
FREE ONLINE WEBINAR
Wednesday, May 17 2 PM CDT**

Becoming a white antiracist ally requires more than being a nice Christian who believes that racism is “wrong.” It requires critical thinking, a heart change, and an expansion of discipleship. Join us Wednesday, May 17, at 2 pm Central (3 pm Eastern; 12 pm Pacific) for this important virtual conversation on white allyship presented by The United Methodist General Commission on Religion & Race.

[Learn More & Register](#)



ARJ SUMMER ACTIVITIES

ARJ Committees are busy working on summer season activities, including our music and dance-filled Juneteenth production. It's scheduled for **Saturday, June 24 at St. James**, so be sure to save the date! Other fun programs are in development including small group get-togethers. Details will be provided soon.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARTNER CHURCHES BETTER

**Forging authentic relationships to eliminate the existing racial divide
in our communities and churches.**

Resurrection [COR.org/next](https://cor.org/next)

St. James Church <https://sjumckc.org>

Sign up for the weekly Senior Pastor messages for updates and to better connect within our two congregations.

St. James Church [Sign up for Pastor Cleaver's Newsletter](#)

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OTHER INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION – MAY 3

The Freedom to Learn Network has called for a National Day of Action on Wednesday, May 3, to “defend the truth and to protect the freedom to learn”. The day is an opportunity to resist the alarming and regressive battle being waged against social justice education in our communities. To learn more and sign up click here for the [National Day of Action | Freedom to Learn](#).

“BUILT FROM THE FIRE”
Online – Tuesday, May 30 6 - 7 PM CDT



Author Victor Luckerson presents his new publication, *Built from the Fire*, in which he weaves together archival research of the historic Greenwood community of Tulsa, Oklahoma with the family narrative of the J. H. Goodwin family. J.H. Goodwin left Mississippi for Tulsa in 1913 and survived the massacre on May 31, 1921. He remained in Tulsa to help other survivors overcome obstacles to reestablish the area as a rich wellspring of Black culture and business. Mr. Goodwin’s fighting spirit lives on in his great-granddaughter Regina Goodwin, the only Black woman in Oklahoma’s House of Representatives.

During his talk, Luckerson will connect Mr. Goodwin’s work with the contemporary Black Lives Matter movement and the ongoing work of current Black residents of Tulsa, where residents and supporters are uncovering mass graves of the riot’s victims and amplifying the legacy of the massacre within broader American history. Free in person or online event. Registration required.

Get Tickets

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Read, View and Learn



Visit the Allies for Racial Justice website for great video and book suggestions that can help us better understand our differences, appreciate our similarities and establish Christ-centered solutions to end racial and social injustices. Terrific selections for ARJ Small Groups!

[Click HERE](#) for all our recommended reading and video resources

For more information on Allies for Racial Justice, visit our website:

<https://resurrection.church/arj>

or join the conversation on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlliesForRacialJustice>

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