

Bishop Joseph Sprague
Retired Bishop
The United Methodist
Church



Saturday, October 31
9:30 am - 2:00 pm
AGENDA

- 9:30 Check-in
- 10:00 Welcome and Introductions
Rev. Marcus Atha and
Bishop Gregory Palmer
- 10:15 Dr. Melanie S. Morrison,
“Beyond Good Intentions:
The Role White People Must Play
in the Work of Racial Justice”
- 11:15 Reflections by Respondents
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:45 Reflections by Respondents
(followed by Q and A)
- 1:45 Bishop Joseph Sprague,
Closing Reflection
- 2:00 Adjournment

Dr. Morrison will also preach at the two Sunday morning services and lead the Common Class here in Anniversary Hall tomorrow. The title of her sermon is “Repairing the Breach: White Supremacy, Ancestral Legacies, and the Sacred Work of Racial Justice.”

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Bishop Gregory V. Palmer
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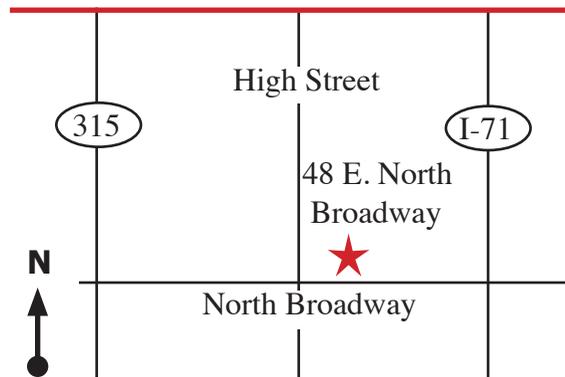
The Sprague Scholar-In-Residence Fund was established to express appreciation to Joe and Diane Sprague for their ministry and leadership at North Broadway and throughout The United Methodist Church.

The fund supports an annual event focused on justice and theological reflection. This event is the fifth such event.

The Sprague Fund continues the tradition of progressive, thoughtful scholarship at North Broadway United Methodist Church.

If you would like to contribute to the Scholar-In-Residence fund, one-time gifts, as well as pledges for one, two or three years are welcomed.

CHURCH LOCATION



Sunday Services are at 8:30 and 11:00
with Sunday School at 9:45 am.

**North Broadway
United Methodist Church**

Our Identity: As Christians, we:

Celebrate the God-given diversity of the human family, welcoming all people of every race, age, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic status, mental and physical ability.

Proclaim God’s love and grace for all persons in worship, study & action, inviting persons to experience God’s mercy.

Share in the reconciling ministry of Jesus Christ, working to remove the barriers that divide the human family from God and from others, including those related to economic and social injustices.

Rely on the witness of scripture, tradition, reason and experience, seeking to discern God’s continuously unfolding will for the human community and our global environment.

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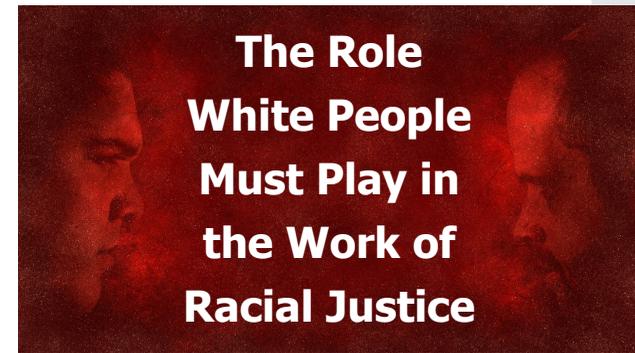
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presents
**The 2015
Sprague Lecture**

with Dr. Melanie S. Morrison

Beyond Good Intentions:



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48 East North Broadway
Columbus, Ohio 43214

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SPRAGUE LECTURE REGISTRATION

October 31, 2015 — 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Space is limited. **Register by October 24!**

Registration (includes lunch)

- \$20.00 regular
- \$5.00 students

I would like to make an additional gift (tax deductible) to support the Sprague Lecture Series Endowed Fund:

- \$25.00
- \$50.00
- \$100.00
- \$ other

You may mail this form with your check for registration (and donation, if included) to the church at the address below or you may drop them off at the church. You may also register (and donate, if you wish) using a credit card online at www.north-broadway.org.

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Beyond Good Intentions: The Role White People Must Play in the Work of Racial Justice

In our nation we now are witnessing an alarming resurgence of white supremacy and state-sanctioned violence in the brutal murders of people of color across the country. It is also a time pregnant with hope as a new generation of leadership is rising to meet the challenges, and as movements like Black Lives Matter demand an end to police brutality, staggering unemployment, and the school-to-prison pipeline.

In this kairos time, rife with pain and promise, it's imperative that white people do the deep work required to claim an anti-racist identity, understand the privilege they carry, and interrupt racism where they live, work, and worship. Sadly, too many white people stop short of that deep work, assuming that good intentions are enough.

Dr. Morrison's lecture will address how white people can and must move through places where they often get stuck — denial, guilt, shame, and fear — so they can step up with courage, humility, and compassion to participate in movements led by people of color and help move other white people to greater anti-racist awareness and action.

ABOUT THE LECTURER

Melanie S. Morrison, Ph.D., is founder and Executive Director of Allies for Change (www.alliesforchange.org). She is a seasoned social justice educator, activist, pastor and author with 25 years experience designing and facilitating transformational group process. Dr. Morrison has provided anti-racism training and consultation for a wide variety of educational and non-profit organizations including Michigan State University's College of Education, Yale Divinity School, and Hunter College School of Social Work. She served as consultant to the United Church of Christ's Sacred Conversation on Race, a national initiative launched in April 2008. In 1994, she co-founded Doing Our Own Work, an intensive anti-racism program for white people that has attracted participants from communities all across North America.

Dr. Morrison has a Masters of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and a Ph.D. in theology from the University of Groningen in The Netherlands. She is the author of *The Grace of Coming Home: Sexuality, Spirituality, and the Struggle for Justice* and numerous journal articles. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, she has pastored three congregations; two in Michigan and one in the Netherlands. She has also served as adjunct faculty at Chicago Theological Seminary. She lives in Okemos, Michigan with her life partner, April Allison.

Dr. Morrison believes it is possible to grow ever more aware of the depth and complexity of injustice without surrendering our capacity for compassion, joy, and hope.



Melanie S. Morrison, Ph.D.

THE RESPONDENTS

Harris Tay is the West Ohio Conference Director of Diversity Initiatives.

Kenya Cummins is the West Ohio Conference All In Community Coordinator.

Rev Ryan Grace is a United Methodist Pastor and Director of the Film a Day in Ferguson.

Nancy Rogers is the former Attorney General of Ohio and former Dean of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and the current holder of the Moritz Chair of Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Moritz College of Law.

EAT/LEARN/LIVE SERIES

The Sprague Lecture will be followed by an "Eat/Learn/Live" series on Wednesday evenings Nov. 4th and 11th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm (childcare available). The series will continue to explore these complex issues from a variety of viewpoints. More information will be available at the October 31 event and on the church website at www.north-broadway.org.