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Weekly on Wednesdays, June 24-Aug. 26, 2020, 12:00-12:45 p.m. EASTERN

OVERVIEW

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Aug. 5: "Dismantling Racism: Pressing on to Freedom in the United Methodist Church" - **Cynthia Moore-Koikoi**, Bishop, Western Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church, and **Debra L. Mason**, Senior Pastor, John Wesley United Methodist Church, and Interim Coordinator, Diversity Development and Inclusion, Western Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church

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