W. Don McClure Lectures and World Mission Initiative’s Month of Mission Series

Jesus Christ and the ‘Dividing Wall’: Race and God’s Mission

October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2020

W. Don McClure Lectures and World Mission Initiative’s Month of Mission Series Moves Online!

Looking for tools to lead your congregation or student group into deeper conversation on how racial injustice and racism at home impact God’s mission in the world?

Join Pittsburgh Theological Seminary’s World Mission Initiative for Four Wednesdays in October at 7:30 p.m. (ET) for national speakers Brenda Salter McNeil, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove and David Campt. Due to COVID-19 and in the spirit of the namesake of our W. Don McClure annual lecture, we are “flipping” what has traditionally been an on-campus lecture, giving pastors and congregational mission leaders the tools they need to encourage and enhance their congregation’s engagement in God’s mission around issues of race and racial justice.

We encourage you to organize congregation “watch parties” and gather members for guided discussions each Wednesday evening in October following the plenary presentations. The format will be the same each week:

- 7:30-8:10 p.m. (ET) Plenary Presentation
- 8:10-8:30 p.m. (ET) Nationwide Question & Answer Session
- 8:30-9:30 p.m. (ET) Your congregation holds its own conversation on plenary presentation, using WMI’s leader guide with discussion questions.

In addition to the four national presentations and leader guide, there will also be five pre-recorded workshops that can be accessed and used in the future by participating churches and individuals to go deeper in the intersection of racial justice and God’s mission.

The event is free to everyone, however, you must register to attend. You can register once for the entire series. 

Click here to read speaker biographies, learn more about the series, and to register.
Series Schedule

Wed., Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m. (ET)

*Unlearning the Habits of Slaveholder Religion* with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

*W. Don McClure Lecture in World Mission and Evangelism*

Baptist minister and spiritual writer, the Rev. Wilson-Hartgrove’s great passion and commitment to both the spiritual aspect of Christian life and to the public witness of Christian faith through social activism and racial justice work is an inspiration. He will challenge and provide invaluable leadership as to how individuals and churches can work together to dismantle racism both within our church and society.

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Wed., Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. (ET)

*Crossing Cultures, Building Bridges* with Brenda Salter McNeil

*W. Don McClure Lecture in World Mission and Evangelism*

The Rev. Dr. Salter McNeil, associate professor of Reconciliation Studies at Seattle Pacific University, has been committed and passionate in the ministry of reconciliation for the last 30 years. Her work and expertise in this field will help facilitate conference participants and church leaders alike as they seek new skills and ways to engage in the important work of reconciliation.

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Wed., Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. (ET)

*Where Do We Go from Here? A Conversation with Brenda Salter McNeil and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove*

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Wed., Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. (ET)

*Keys for Allies to Use their Superpowers: The Role of Vulnerability and Compassion in Anti-Racism Effectiveness* with David Campt

With more than 25 years of professional experience, Dr. David Campt is considered a national expert in the areas of inclusion and equity, cultural competence, and intergroup dialogue.

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