

Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper Speaks on Multi-racial Community



“Preparing for Multi-racial Community” will be the topic when Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper speaks on December 7, 2019, at 2:00 pm.

Sponsored by St. Mary of Magdala Church in Harwich, the talk will take place at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 310 Rte. 137, Harwich, MA 02645.

Martin Luther King famously said that the “most segregated hour in America is Eleven a.m. on Sunday mornings.” It is true that, like many other aspects of life in the US, our religious congregations tend to be segregated. This can deprive us of a wealth of cultural, historical and religious perspectives that emerge in congregations that enjoy greater racial diversity.

Rev. Dr. Harper will discuss experience, education and action that can be pursued by congregations seeking to achieve greater diversity. She will also pose questions for those attending to consider in conversation with others in attendance.

Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper is in her 18th year as pastor of the Unitarian Church of Barnstable. She was one of the first black women in the Unitarian Universalist ministry called to pastor a predominantly white congregation, and she is now the longest serving in that capacity. She has extensive experience leading multicultural and anti-racism initiatives for youth, young adults, and adults.

The talk is free and open to the public (free will donations gratefully accepted). All are welcome, especially clergy and members of faith communities who are interested in increasing the racial diversity of their congregations.

The talk will begin at 2:00 pm for approximately one hour, 15 minutes, followed by light refreshments and fellowship. Those attending are also invited to worship with the congregation of St. Mary of Magdala Church at their weekly Mass which will follow at 4:00 pm.

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