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INSIGHT RE: ANTI-BLACKNESS

Submitted by Pastor Angela T. Khabeb

Hello Beloveds!

During our annual meeting, I noted comments in the chat about the phrase "anti-Blackness," named as one of our congregational goals in our quest to dismantle white supremacy. There was no way to be able to respond adequately in the chat so I'm sharing a small part of the article, As Non-Black POC, We Need to Address Anti-Blackness, by Ana Cecilia Pérez. She offers great insights (the excerpt begins below). I know that our congregation is committed to justice, and I want to embrace an opportunity to address this very timely topic—especially during Black History month. At the end, I've also included some links that speak to the global reality and impact of anti-Blackness. One is from Trevor Noah and is painfully humorous. Perez writes, "If there's one thing missing in our country, it's an acknowledgment of the broad humanity of Black folks. Racism—and anti-Black racism in particular—is the belief that there's something wrong with Black people."

—Ta-Nehisi Coates

Pérez continues, A few years ago, I got called to account for the impact of my unconscious anti-Black prejudice, and it finally sank in. I was on a team with all Black women. The experience was disorienting, identity-shattering, and it hurt like hell.

'Someone pointed out to me that I often had opinions to share whenever a dark-skinned Black woman spoke. I responded defensively. My first reaction was to deny this violation was happening; then I turned to anger and to self-victimization. I refused to accept responsibility. I insisted that the problem was "really their inability to work with an Indigenous person."

All these responses were rooted in anti-Black prejudice and in my fragility at looking at my behavior. It took me months to fully understand how anti-Black prejudice was operating inside me.

When I talk of anti-Blackness, I'm referring to the historical and current violence exercised against Black people at all levels of personal, interpersonal, cultural, political, and economic life. I define violence here broadly, from undermining and not respecting Black leadership to mass incarceration and police murder of Black people.

While Indigenous and other people of color traditionally lack the power to enact racism toward other marginalized groups, we can and do exercise clear racial prejudice against Black people.

Because I grew up in a white supremacist environment, I know I have been programmed to see Black bodies as criminal, undeserving, ...and suspect. I also know I have internalized messages about...my people's lack of worth, intelligence, that

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

READINGS



Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations in the Bartsch Room beginning at 10:00 a.m. The presentations will also be available via Zoom for those unable to attend in person.

ID and password remain the same: ID 858 5687 1594; Password 317879.

FEBRUARY 6 "Paul Ramsour Highlights Elpis Enterprises"

Paul Ramsour will discuss the work of Elpis Enterprises. Elpis provides employment readiness training, career exploration opportunities, and career pathway building support to young people experiencing homelessness or unstable housing.

FEBRUARY 13 "Phil Radtke"

Get to know Holy Trinity's new Cantor, Phil Radtke. Bring your questions for Phil and he will share some details about himself and his experiences.

and right to belong. Since I embrace my own oppression... I know unconsciously I behave in ways that feed and replicate that anti-Blackness.

Anti-Blackness is a product of white supremacy... Brown and Black communities exist under this paradigm and, as a result, are pitted against each other.

White supremacy and capitalism have done a great job at dividing us to conquer us; we must interrupt this pattern.

As a Native person, working against anti-Blackness requires me to understand that creating environments where Black people thrive creates the possibility for more Native visibility. And that when we transform systems such as criminal justice, or education, to reverse outcome disparities on Black communities, we are ensuring the fairer treatment of all people.

Doing so will allow us to see our commonality that is rooted in spirit and in our connection to each other. From negro spirituals to Native American songs, believing in a greater force for good has kept us alive. That is the awareness we must constantly seek.

—Ana Cecilia Pérez is queer decolonizing Latinx of Nahua Pipil heritage, a race equity activist and trainer, and a martial artist.

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**20s, 30s, 40s WINTER GROUP HIKE THIS SUNDAY**

The 20s, 30s, 40s Group, Laura Bolstad Grafstrom, and Peter Grafstrom invite you to an all-ages winter hike on Sunday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m. Meet at the southern-most parking lot at Minnehaha Park (near E 54th St. and Hwy 55) and take the winter hiking trail that connects with Fort Snelling State Park.

RSVP to [Laura](#) by Saturday, February 5.

**HTLC PARENTS/KIDS UNDER 5—MEET UP THIS MONDAY**

Virtual meet-up for HTLC parents with kids under 5 Monday, Feb. 7, 8-9 p.m. Many of us with young kids have been feeling the strain. Between keeping our unvaccinated tots safe, navigating ever-changing childcare issues, grieving missed milestones, and feeling isolated or even trapped, we're holding it down... but it isn't always pretty. Come join us for a low-key hour together with other parents in the same boat, to share, connect, and be seen. We can't necessarily fix it, but we can commiserate. Zoom link coming soon! If you're interested in attending, RSVP to [Jess Daniel Hart](#) (714-388-4489).

**HTLC FAMILY RETREAT FUN FEBRUARY 11-13**

Our family retreat will be held from Friday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. through 10:00 a.m., Sunday, February 13. The retreat will be at the YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wisconsin. We hope that all Holy Trinity families, especially newer member families, consider this opportunity.

Please send an email to Deacon [David](#) or text/call him (765-656-9605) if you'd like to attend with your family. Information re: cost, activities, safety-protocols, etc. once we establish the level of interest.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES RETURNING FEB. 20**

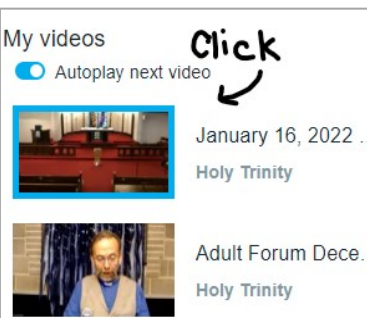
In conversation with parents, pastors, and others, and taking into consideration that the Family Retreat will take up the second weekend of February, it's been decided that we will return to in-person, indoor Sunday School for all ages on Sunday, February 20.

**LIVESTREAM THE 11:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICE ONLINE**

A live-stream of the 11:00 a.m. service is available online every Sunday. Click the following [link](#) at 10:55 a.m. on Sunday to livestream the service from your computer or smart phone: <https://vimeo.com/event/1341305>.

**OR ... TO VIEW PREVIOUS WORSHIP SERVICES**

You can also click on the link above to find recordings of past worship services, and other recordings. you'll find a list of recordings on the right, just below the main Vimeo screen, see example.



We're working to put dates at the beginning of the titles to make it easier to find the video you're looking for.

**AARP TAX AIDE IS BACK FOR 2022**

AARP Tax Aide will again be available at Holy Trinity to provide 2021 tax filing assistance to Seniors and Low-Income taxpayers. An appointment will be required. To make an appointment, call one of the numbers, shown below, between 9:00 a.m and 3:00 p.m.

Mondays & Wednesdays: 612-839-9307

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 612-468-3431

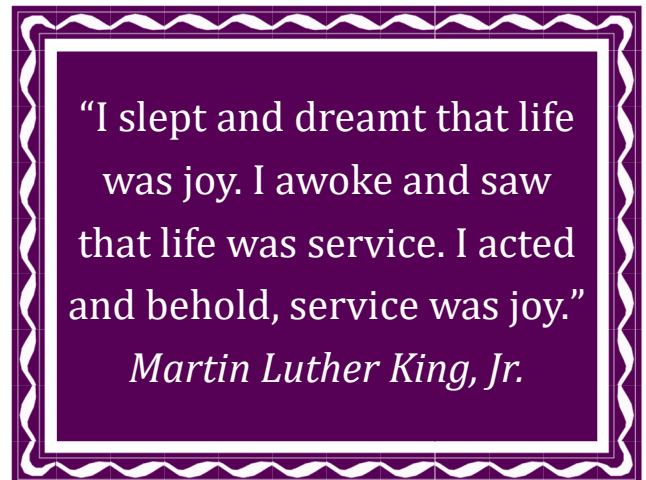
**DONATE USED EYEGLASSES AND HEARING AIDS**

A collection box can be found in the coat room where you can donate old eyeglasses and hearing aids for redistribution to the underprivileged in developing countries. Big thanks to Connie Adams for facilitating this collection box!



**THANK YOU FROM CTUL AND BDC**

Thanks to Holy Trinity for hosting, as well as coming out to stand with CTUL, in the soft launch of our Construction Campaign on December 15. Housing development is a multi-billion dollar industry in the metro area, yet day to day, non-union construction workers who build the housing face horrific working conditions, from wage theft to labor trafficking. Enough is enough and workers are standing up for basic dignity and respect. Following the event, we mailed a letter to 12 large multi-family housing developers, calling on them to meet with workers to learn about issues non-union construction workers face, and to sign into an independent monitoring program that places power into the hands of workers to be able to speak out about violations of their rights without fear of retaliation. Over the next few months, we will continue to reach out to the developers to offer them the opportunities to partner with us to ensure dignity and respect for all construction workers. In June 2022, workers will bring their concerns to the broader public with a large action - we hope you will be able to join us.



Links that speak to the global reality and impact of anti-Blackness continued from article, *Insight re: Anti-Blackness:*

[Trevor Noah](#)

[TED talk anti-Blackness is making me sick](#)

[Anti-Blackness in Israel](#)

[South Asians and anti-Blackness](#)

[Anti-Blackness in an Arab context](#)

[Anti-Blackness in the Latino community](#)

[Asian comedians Anti-blackness, George Floyd](#)

[Anti-blackness in Filipino culture](#)

[Anti-blackness Arab context](#)

[Anti-Blackness Indian/South Asian context](#)

[A conversation with Native Americans on racism](#)

**PARISH EVENTS FEBRUARY 6 - 12**

Sunday, Feb. 6	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, Feb. 7	7:00 PM	Lectio Divina
Tuesday, Feb. 8	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, Feb. 9	6:30 PM	Cantate!
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Feb. 11		Family Retreat , YMCA Camp St Croix

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2022**

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Nicki Hines
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Annie Hines, Julie Cahoy	Counters	Scott Cole, John Sulzbach
Chris Engen	Ushers	Kathy Hollander & Rod Johnson, Joy Nelson, Kathy Howe, Joshua Combs, Alan Libra
	Closer	Rod Johnson