

THEOLOGY, RACISM, AND CHRISTIAN PRACTICE: How Shall We Respond?

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February 10–11, 2017

THE ORIGIN OF RACE



Friday 7PM

Presentation by Dr. Willie Jennings followed by questions and answers

Saturday 9AM

- Panel with Dr. Willie Jennings, Dr. Paul Roberts and The Reverend Denise Anderson
- Conversation groups: How shall we respond?
- Future steps

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February 10–11 Forum: \$25.00 / person

March 30 with Dr. James Cone: \$25.00 / person

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March 30, 2017

THE CROSS AND THE LYNCHING TREE

Thursday 7PM Dr. James Cone

- Presentation by Dr. Cone with response and discussion

May 2017

EVENT TBD
WITH CHIEF
CASSANDRA
DECK-BROWN

The series goal is to integrate Christian theology with practices that counter racism in our lives and communities. The speakers have made major contributions to this effort and will lead participants in the critical reflection on steps that are necessary to engage our communities in practices that dismantle the structures of racism. There will be small group conversations as well as major presentations by the speakers. **The goal is faith in action.**

Dr. Willie Jennings is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Africana Studies at Yale University. His book, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* (Yale 2010), won the American Academy of Religion Award of Excellence in the Study of Religion in the Constructive-Reflective category the year after it appeared and in 2015, the Grawemeyer Award in Religion, the largest prize for a theological work in North America.

The Reverend Paul Timothy Roberts Sr. is President of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA, a position he has held since the spring of 2010. Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary is one of the ten theological schools of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the only one that is historically African American. From 1997 through 2010, Rev. Roberts was the pastor of Church of the Master (PCUSA), a church founded in 1965 in Atlanta, GA, as an intentionally interracial congregation.

Dr. James H. Cone, known as the founder of black liberation theology, is the Charles A. Briggs Distinguished Professor of Systematic Theology at Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Cone is best known for his ground-breaking works, *Black Theology & Black Power* (1969) and *A Black Theology of Liberation* (1970). His latest book, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, received the 2012 Nautilus Silver Award in Religion/Spirituality–Western Traditions.

Chief Cassandra Deck-Brown is the first African American woman to be appointed the Police Chief of Raleigh, NC. A North Carolina native, Chief Deck-Brown joined the Raleigh Police Department in 1987. She graduated from East Carolina University and received a master's degree in public administration from North Carolina State University. She is known for her dedication to justice and has spoken widely on matters related to law enforcement and the public good.

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