

JUNETEENTH

A TIME TO REFLECT & REJOICE

JUNE 19TH

Our synod's **Toward Racial Justice Task Force** invites congregations to partner with us and their neighbors to host a Juneteenth Celebration, on June 19th!

What we provide:

- A Juneteenth Unity video featuring inspirational stories and faith leaders teaching on racial unity
- Racial Unity curriculum for youth
- Suggestions for authentic food, games and music to enhance your event

What you provide:

- A location
- Invitation to members and neighbors
- Technology to share the video
- A willingness to host some conversation, perhaps accentuated by a picnic or block party with food, games and music

Congregations are invited to use our Juneteenth Unity video as a part of a **Juneteenth Celebration**, or as a teaching video to inspire conversation among members in a faith formation setting. Similarly, the racial unity curriculum is designed for youth and young adults and can be used in a retreat, or in a class setting.

For Juneteenth event ideas or to learn more visit:

<https://www.lss-elca.org/journey-towards-justice/>

Our Juneteenth Unity video features...

Keynote Presentation by Drew Hart

Rev. Drew G. I. Hart, PhD is an author, activist, and professor in theology in the Bible and Religion department at Messiah University. He attained his MDiv with an urban concentration from Biblical Theological Seminary, and he received his PhD in theology and ethics from Lutheran Theological Seminary-Philadelphia. His work beyond teaching and writing has included pastoring in Harrisburg and Philadelphia, working for an inner-city afterschool program for black and brown middle school boys, delivering lectures and leading anti-racism workshops, and collaborating with faith-based organizers in his neighborhood.



Dr. Hart's book, **'Who Will Be A Witness; Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance'**, will be featured during our May, synod-wide book study.



Presenter: Rev. Carla Christopher-Wilson



Presenter: Rev. Erich Kussman



MC's: Rev. Elizabeth Eckman & Rev. Jay Eckman

