

Now is the Time: Five Week Study with Bishop Current

In 2019, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly issued a declaration to people of African descent. This declaration focused on the church's role and failures historically around slavery and racism. Now is the Time is a study surrounding the impact of slavery and racism on our church and stresses self-examination and realism around these issues.



ELCA 5-week study

These five 1.5-hour sessions will include self-study, reading, video lessons, large-group learning, and small-group reflection. Participants will be asked to commit to attending all five sessions. These five sessions will be led by Bishop Amy Current and Marissa Kolander, Minister of Faith Formation and Congregational Life at Gloria Dei (Iowa City). Marissa has more than 15 years of leading, teaching, and preparing curricula for use in congregations.

Thursdays

6:30-8:00

November 2, 9, 16, 30 & Dec. 7

via Zoom

Free! Open to All!



All are welcome to join this study you do not need to be in leadership in your congregation or have any background in these topics.

Participants should try to attend all five sessions as the curriculum and discussion builds from week to week. Participants in the same household or congregation will be placed in small groups together, sign up with a friend or family!

Register Online

Testimonial Past
Participants

“Each week’s topics were well-presented, balanced, educational, and thought-provoking. Starter-questions for small group conversations were very helpful. We had wonderful attendance from Gloria Dei members and they conveyed much gratitude for the experience. We continue to work at ways to integrate the things we learned into the things we now do.” - Pastor Roger Dykstra, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

“Now Is The Time was the deepest soul searching work I have done in years. It was the kind of tough that stretched me and made me grow more aware of myself, others and God’s love for all people.” - Erin A.

The study was engaging and important to help us acknowledge and come to terms with our past failings and give us resolve to move forward in a more affirming and positive way. . .and the immediacy that God’s love and grace for all requires our attention and action.” - Bob and Carol S.



Register: www.seiasynod.org/events/now-is-the-time-study

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