

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER:

People of faith confront hate crimes

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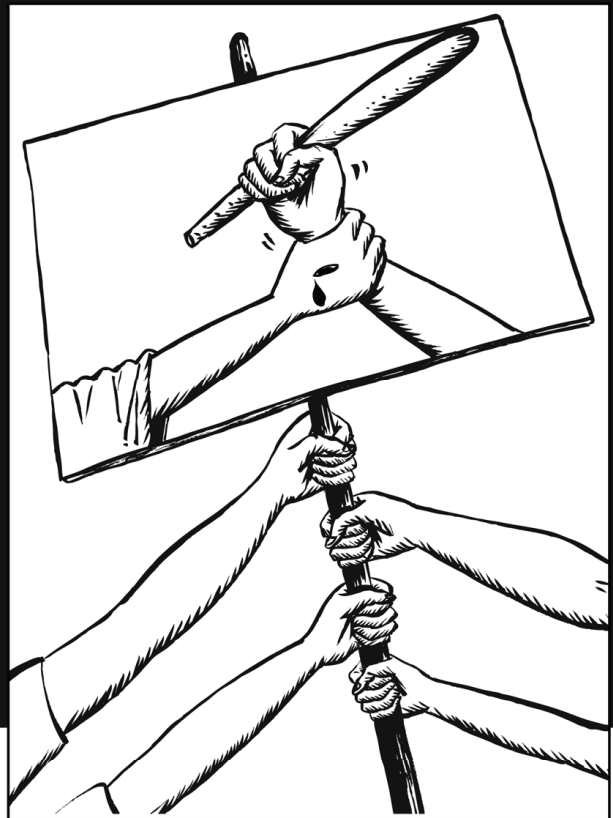
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WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome

The planning team of My Brother's Keeper welcomes you to this path-breaking event, a day when we come together across different communities as one body of Christ to lift up our common humanity and our common vulnerability and commit ourselves to the work of ending hate violence. The agenda is full of opportunities to learn, to discuss, to reflect and to heal, and we hope you will come away with your spirit renewed as well as with tools for the journey forward.

Schedule

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30 Welcome and Opening Worship, *Sanctuary*
- 10:00 Keynote Panel, *Sanctuary*
- 12:00 Lunch, *Dining Room*
- 12:45 Theatrical Performance and Discussion of "What Killed Marcelo Lucero?" *Sanctuary*
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Small Group Discussion, *Assigned Rooms*
- 3:30 Closing Worship, *Sanctuary*

Reflection Walls are scattered around the dining room and sanctuary. During the course of today's events, we invite you to write answers to the various questions posed on these walls. And please take some time near the end of the day to read the comments of others.

Chaplains are available all day today to listen and pray with you. You will know them by their green buttons that say "Chaplain." Please do not hesitate to approach them.

Resource Table

Please stop by the resource table next to the registration table. You'll find tips and tools for taking the conversations we start here back to your local congregation and community as well as sources of further information.

Event Organizers are wearing identifying buttons. Please speak to any one of us if you need something during the day.

9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome and Opening Worship
Sanctuary**

Prelude

“Come Away With Me”

Nehemiah Lockett

Words of Welcome

Dr. Dorothee Benz

Call to Worship

“I Am Not Forgotten”
Nehemiah Lockett, Jorge Lockward, Jayson Dobney

I am not forgotten,
I am not forgotten,
I am not forgotten,
God knows my name,
God knows my name.

Opening Litany

The Rev. Josh Noblitt

One: We don't always know how to respond in the face of hate and injustice, O God, but the wars within and without go on.

Many: Hear us as we acknowledge our discouragement (*moment of silence*) . . .

One: We grieve for victims of hate violence, O God, whose pain is so often hidden and unacknowledged. Surround them with your love and grace.

Heal their pain and help them to know that they are not alone in their suffering.

Many: Hear us in our grief (*moment of silence*)...

One: We grieve for those who commit acts of hate, O God, whose pain is also hidden and unacknowledged. They too are in desperate need of your love and grace. Heal their pain;

Help them to disengage from a cycle of violence and to embrace a life of peace.

Many: Hear us in our grief (*moment of silence*)...

One: We confess that at times, our silence may have protected us in the face of injustice and even in the face of hatred or may have given the impression that we are indifferent.

Many: Hear us in our confession (*moment of silence*)...

One: May we lay down our fears, O God,
that we might be empowered to overcome hate with love.

Many: Hear us in our desire to live without fear (*moment of silence*)...

**All: May we stand firm, O God, in healing and in hope;
in accountability and in forgiveness;
in peace and in love.
Your vision for Beloved Community is within our grasp.
Guide us in our quest for it. AMEN.**

Anthem Would You Harbor Me? Y. M. Barnwell
Bridget Cabrera, Sara Lamar-Sterling, Nehemiah Lockett, Michael Sullivan

Scripture Reading Psalm 118:1-5 Pastor Wongee Joh

Meditation The Face of Hate and the Transformation of Love: A Personal Reflection
Rev. Joshua Noblitt

Hymn “We Are Called”

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of our God!
We are called to be light for all people,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

(Refrain)
We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so injustice and hatred will be no more! **(Refrain)**

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as all of God's family united in love! **(Refrain)**

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10:00 a.m.

**Keynote Panel
Sanctuary**

How is the Hate Supported in Church and Society?
How is the Hate Countered?

Dr. J. Terry Todd, Rosario Quinones, Fred Brewington
Moderated by Rev. Dr. Traci West

Dr. J. Terry Todd

Dr. J. Terry Todd is associate professor of American Religious Studies at Drew University in Madison, NJ. Professor Todd's research and teaching focus on how religious ideas, practices, and institutions in the United States develop within 20th-century urban contexts, and how forms of popular media shape the way we think about ourselves in relation to religion, spirituality, Christianity and the American nation. He received his PhD from Columbia University, his MDiv from Harvard University and his BA from Boston University.

Rosario Quinones

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Fred Brewington is an attorney in Hempstead, NY, with a major focus on civil rights law. He has worked on issues of affordable housing, community revitalization, employment, civil rights, social services, municipal liability, the environment and voting rights through litigation, writing, lecturing and personal appearances. Brewington also serves as a *pro-bono* advisor to many community groups and on the boards of numerous non-profit and civic organizations, including the Nassau County Mental Health Association, the Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives, the UMC General Board of Church and Society and Long Island Housing Services. He serves as a parliamentarian for the New York Annual Conference and is both a certified lay speaker and an instructor for local lay speakers. An adjunct professor of law at the Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Brewington is also the football coach for the Malverne School District. His BA is from SUNY Albany and he earned his JD at Northeastern University School of Law.

Rev. Dr. Traci West

Rev. Dr. Traci West is professor of Ethics and African American Studies at Drew University Theological School in Madison, NJ. Her most recent book is *Disruptive Christian Ethics: When Racism and Women's Lives Matter* (2006). She is a life-long member of the UMC – baptized as an infant at First UMC Stamford, CT, an ordained elder in the New York Annual Conference for over twenty years, served as a delegate to General Conference in 2000, serves as a current member of the denomination's University Senate, and is a founding member of United Methodists of Color for a Fully Inclusive Church. Professor West received her PhD from Union Theological Seminary, her MDiv from Pacific School of Religion and her BA from Yale University.

12:00 p.m.

**Lunch
Dining Room**

*Small groups: You received a card at registration with your afternoon small group location.
Please take a moment during one of our breaks or lunchtime to find the location so you will have no trouble later.*

12:45 p.m.

**Theatrical Performance
Sanctuary**

“What Killed Marcelo Lucero?”
Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja

1:45 p.m.

**Discussion
Sanctuary**

Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja

Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja’s mission is to advance cultural understanding within the diverse Long Island communities that it serves by using the theatrical and other performing and visual arts as tools to promote constructive social change; and to provide opportunities for emerging artists. Its innovative workshops, programs and productions have won it wide acclaim, recognition and awards from the Latin American Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Islip and Suffolk County Legislator Ricardo Montano. Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja uses the arts as vehicles for building bridges among Long Island’s increasingly diversified residents, and to address the glaring lack of parks, libraries and other public space within communities so necessary for affirming communities’ future and well-being.

2:15 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m.

**Small Group Discussion
Assigned Rooms**

3:30 p.m.

Closing Worship
Sanctuary

Call to Worship

Nehemiah Lockett, Jorge Lockward, Jayson Dobney

Act of Praise

Psalm 126

Leah DeLeon and Jessie Floyd, St. Paul and St. Andrew UMC

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Hector Laporta

God of love, we have sinned
replacing You with our fears, values, prejudices and our laws.
Move us from hardness to compassion,
from guilt to forgiveness,
from apathy to action,
from complicity and silence to justice.
Heal our brokenness and the wounds of your creation. AMEN.

Invitation to the Love Feast

Pastor Bridget Cabrera

Love Feast

All are invited to share food and commitment with one another.

Benediction Hymn

“Shalom To You”

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Join Us for Worship Sunday, November 21

10:30 a.m.

Church of the Village

7th Avenue and 13th Street, Manhattan

Rev. Joshua Noblitt preaching

The Path of Fear and the Path of Love

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