

What do you think about the Death Penalty? Let's Talk about it!

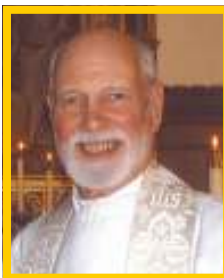
Faith and the Death Penalty

The Justice Committee of East Liberty Presbyterian Church is offering 3 more Saturday evening sessions to enable participants to learn about this important and timely topic. Each program will begin with a potluck dinner from 5:00-6:00 pm and the presentation and discussion will be from 6:00-8:00 pm in the ELPC Social Hall. Childcare will be available by reservation with Gloria Knopp 412-441-3800 x22.

Saturday, October 13, 2012
Justice: Biblical and Legal Perspectives



Bruce Ledewitz is Professor of Law at Duquesne University Law School. He was Secretary to the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty, founded the Allegheny County Death Penalty Project and has written in both legal journals and national media. His most recent books deal with the topic of secularism and he has addressed the role of religion in recent political campaigns in various newspapers.



The Rev. Jared J. Jackson Th. D. is retired (1962-1997) Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In addition, he taught at Huron College and Williams. Today, Jared advocates for Justice through PIIN (Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network), is an anti-racism trainer for the Episcopal Diocese, and is a volunteer teacher of Hebrew Bible with the Metro-Urban Institute.

During this session, our guest speakers will lead us in reviewing the biblical concepts of Justice in the Old and New Testaments and how that intersects with our current legal system.

Saturday, November 10, 2012

Forgiveness, Reconciliation and Restorative Justice

Rev. Walter Everett is a retired Methodist minister whose life was radically altered when his 24 year old son was murdered in 1987. He worked his way through anger and depression to a place of forgiveness and reconciliation.



Valerie Dixon, a Pittsburgh native, has devoted the last 11 years of her life to raising awareness of the critical issues of crime and violence in Pittsburgh and beyond. Her activism was her response to the tragic killing of her only son, Robert James Dixon, on June 25, 2001.

Valerie is an ordained Deacon in the PC(USA) and has served as a member of East Liberty Presbyterian Church where she finds the courage, strength and faith to stand tall through the diverse challenges we all face as she continues to allow God to use her to do His will.

We will look at this issues and the difficulty faced by those who have lost loved ones through acts of violence. What does it mean to “do justice”? How does one find the ability to forgive? To move on?

Saturday, December 8, 2012

Faith in a Time of Crisis

(Speakers to be announced.)

We will continue to explore how our faith speaks to the most challenging experiences of our lives. What choices do we have? What is most helpful? How do the activities of the Criminal Justice System and the resources of our faith work together when we are faced with such loss?