

2020 Laity Convocation



Northern Illinois Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

UNPACKING RACISM

Saturday, February 8, 2020
9 am to 12:30 pm (doors open at 7:45 am)

Sycamore United Methodist Church
160 Johnson Ave, Sycamore, IL 60178

Learn, discuss, and understand
the impact of racism,
the concept of unconscious bias,
how race shapes one's place and
understanding of society,
and the idea of privilege.



AGENDA:

- Opening Worship
- Bible Study with Bishop Sally Dyck
- Panel Discussion
- Closing Worship with Communion

COST: \$10/person or \$40/church

DEADLINES: Register by 12 noon Feb. 5 at
www.umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation.

Register by 12 midnight Jan. 30 to purchase
a box lunch for an additional \$10.

FEATURING: Display tables from UMM, Older Adult Ministries, Scouting Ministry, and Lay Servant Ministries.

PANELISTS:

Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, Senior Pastor
Wheaton: Gary UMC

Judy Siaba, Lay Servant
Oak Park: Euclid Avenue UMC

Dr. Richard Guzman, Professor Emeritus
North Central College, Naperville
Bolingbrook: Friendship UMC

Rebecca Fraley, Member,
ACST Anti-Racism Committee
Steward UMC

The church is called to lead by our example within our lives, our institutions and by prophetic witness in society. As one of three strategic goals adopted by our Annual Conference says, we are called "to live out the conviction that racism is incompatible with Christian teaching." Gain a better understanding of what racism is and how it effects people of all races, but especially people of color. Learn how to begin to identify, challenge and change values and attitudes in the local church as well as your community.

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE at no cost. Questions about registration?
Contact Laura Lopez at llopez@umcnic.org or 312-346-9766, ext. 724.