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Faith & Politics

Kristen Deede Johnson

Professor of Theology and Christian Formation, Western Seminary (Holland, MI)

Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Kristen is a professor of Christian formation and specializes in the areas of discipleship and politics. She is the co-author of the award-winning book *The Justice Calling: Where Passion Meets Perseverance* and a contributing author of *Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference*.

There is no ignoring that our country - and community - is politically divided. So how do we, as Christians, engage the political process as faithful Christians? How do we love our neighbors well, even in the political arena? What Christian practices and habits help shape our political engagement?



Racial Justice

Julian Newman

CEO of Culture Creative | Director of Leadership & Culture, GRCS

Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

As a cultural intelligence strategist, author, filmmaker, artist, and motivational speaker, Julian has spoken to more than 100,000 people and groups nationally and internationally during the past 20 years. In his work with GRCS, he helps lead diversity and inclusion efforts with faculty, staff, and students.

In the aftermath of the killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and the subsequent protests, we are facing a global racial reckoning. How do we live as Christ-centered disciples in a time of racial and cultural polarization? What practical tools can we develop to engage, navigate, and build authentic Jesus-centered community across the racial divide?



Upcoming Events

January TBD: Mental health

February TBD: Faith in a COVID World

March TBD: Creation care

April TBD: LIVE Webinar with **Lisa Sharon Harper**, author of *The Very Good Gospel*

Questions?

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