

Third Annual Anne Berry Bonnyman Symposium Overview

Mission Statement

The mission of the Anne Berry Bonnyman Symposium is to give Trinity Church a living platform for addressing systemic racism in our church and community. We pray that the Symposium will sustain us with courage and strength to take concrete actions towards the creation of an antiracist environment by presenting public events that promote deep introspection regarding racism and related social justice matters. These events will include various activities to strengthen the resolve and the dedication required to create a community anchored in our deepest Christian beliefs. The Symposium honors the Reverend Anne Berry Bonnyman (ret.) for her active commitment to social justice and the eradication of racism.

The Symposium is funded through an endowment and through your generous donations. Gifts designated for this purpose are gratefully received by Trinity Church. For further information, please contact a member of the church's Stewardship staff at 617-536-0944.

A Note about the Reverend Anne Berry Bonnyman

Anne Berry Bonnyman served as Rector of Trinity Church from 2006 to 2011. She is now retired and living in Asheville, North Carolina, pursuing a lifelong interest in painting. Anne continues her social justice work by advocating for marginalized Appalachian children and youth in the NC court system as a Guardian ad Litem. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. Founded in the 1850s by abolitionists as an inter-racial and co-ed college for the underserved, Berea College continues today as a tuition-free liberal arts college for low-income students from Appalachia.

2017 Symposium Goals

By opening hearts and minds, we will:

- 1) continue to raise awareness and offer new and/or different ways of thinking about racism and inequality in our community;
- 2) use reflection and discussion to consider what we have learned from our own experiences and those of others;
- 3) provide resources that will facilitate understanding and next steps; and
- 4) encourage participants to take actions both as individuals and as members of the broader community to eliminate social injustice.

2017 Symposium Planning Team

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