



MFSA IOWA CHAPTER MEMO

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Welcome to MFSA Iowa's new coordinator, Maria Van Der Maaten. Reach her at maria@mfsaiowa.org

1619 Revisited (online workshop)

Examine how the legacy of slavery continues to shape the U.S. and explore anti-racism as a spiritual practice. This six-session program will be held on Zoom on Mondays from January 24-March 7 (no session 2/14) from 6:30-8:15pm. Sponsored by Plymouth UCC in Des Moines. Registration is limited and closes on **January 10**. Register at tiny.cc/1619-revisited

MLK Service of Songs and Readings

On Saturday, **January 15** at 5:30pm Plymouth UCC invites everyone to give voice to the justice of God for all people. In singing, listening, and responding to the voices of civil rights and human rights leaders, we will not only remember the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other justice advocates, but will also address what it means to continue advocating for equality today.

Children of Abraham

The topic for **January 20** at 7:00pm is "Family and Kinship" at Clarke University, 1550 Clark Dr., Dubuque. For more information contact John Eby at john.eby@loras.edu.

Save the Date! UMC/UMW Legislative Advocacy Day (via Zoom) on **January 24** from 9:00-noon. Registration information will be available soon.

Conversation on Justice Conference (online)

The Peace and Justice Institute's annual Conversation on Justice conference is happening online **January 24-27**, from 7:00am-7:00pm. Registration is free and open to the public. The schedule and link to register are accessible at <https://valenciacollege.edu/students/peace-justice-institute/conversation-on-justice/index.php>.

Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege

This program guides you on a personal journey of exploring your attitudes, assumptions, and choices about racial equity. The online sessions are Sundays, February 6-March 27, 3:00-5:00pm, with a retreat on **January 30**, 2:00-5:00pm. Facilitators are Jane Alderman and Dixie Webb. Cost is \$80. For more information: centerforsocialministry@gmail.com.

Save the Date! MFSA Statewide Gathering on April 9, 2022

MFSA's Spring Statewide Gathering will be on Saturday, April 9, 9:45-noon at Grace UMC in Des Moines. Featured panelists are Erica Johnson, Director of Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice, Courtney Dufford, Director of AMOS, and Sikowis Nobiss, Founder and Decolonizer, Great Plains Action Society. The panel will explore "Intersectional Organizing and Capacity Building." Watch for details in the coming months.

SQB Online!

MFSA provides an expanded quarterly SQB online to reduce the number of SQB mailings. If you prefer to receive a hard copy, please send me a note at maria@mfsaiowa.org.

Peace Vigils and Walks: Information on recurring events available at mfsaiowa.org/memo

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