

Outreach Education Series 2020

Highlighting Needs & Concerns of the Greater Houston Community and Beyond

Programming for 2020

Session 1: *Generous Justice* by Tim Keller

An in-depth review and discussion of Tm Keller's book *Generous Justice* which exams the Biblical imperative to God's people to do justice in keeping with God's own heart.

Dates/Time: Sunday February 2nd – March 15th, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Session 2: Human Trafficking – Houston & Beyond

- Kellee Walker, Sr. VP at Arrow Child and Family Ministries will join us to share the work of Arrow Child & Family Ministries on Human Trafficking of children through Arrow Freedom Place; a Christ-centered care and recovery center for underage female victims of domestic child sex trafficking. Nikki Richnow, co-founder of Arrow's Freedom Place, will be with us to introduce Kellee and to help with the Q & A following the presentation, sharing her experience and expertise with Human Trafficking.
- Volunteers with Elijah Rising will join us to present the work they are doing in the Houston community to bring awareness through presentations, guided van tours and outreach to victims of trafficking. Elijah Rising's Restorative Care faith-based program provides housing, trauma-informed counseling, and a caring community of support for adult women survivors of sex trafficking.

Dates/Time: Sunday March 29th – April 5th, 10:00-11:00 AM

Session 3: After Prison – Challenges of Reentry

How do we as the body of Christ welcome people home? With 10,000 people coming home from Texas state prisons to Houston every year, we will look at the challenges to those returning to society from incarceration, and some of the faith-based programs and ministries that are working to make certain that they do not return to prison.

Topics:

- Why Should We Care About Those Coming Home from Prison?
- Getting Ready to Come Home, Re-Entry Starts on the 2nd Day of Incarceration
- Who is helping with Re-Entry in Houston & How to Get Involved

Dates/Time: Sunday April 26th – May 17th, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Session 4: Early Childhood Development & At-Risk Youth

What areas of learning, parenting, teachers and volunteers can we as Christians do to help each other

grow in our collective spiritual walks? At-risk youth has multiple connotations from a low-socioeconomic definition to affluent children. We will look at the challenges to child-rearing and at-risk youth from a spiritual, evidence-based standpoint.

Topics:

- Early Childhood Development
- Psychology of Christian Formation - Youth
- Houston At-Risk Youth
- Raising Christian Children - College
- Digital Age & Risk
- Lamar High School & Opportunities to Volunteer

Dates/Time: Sunday September 20th – October 25th, 10:00 – 11:00

Session 5: Immigration

The Episcopal Church has been active in standing with and providing aid to immigrants for many years, a calling rooted in Scripture. In this series we will examine our call to do justice for the immigrant, discuss the current state of immigration in the US, build understanding and empathy through stories and discussion, and consider the actions we can take as Christians.

Topics:

- Learn: Immigration in scripture and our world today
- Understand: Personal stories of refugees, asylum-seekers and immigrants
- Act: What can we do as individuals? As a congregation?

Dates/Time: November 1st - November 22nd, 10:00-11:00