

SACRED GROUND: A Film-based Dialogue on Race and Faith
Every other Monday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Zoom
September 13-November 22; continuing January 10-February 21

George Floyd's killing followed by Black Lives Matter rallies in our cities. Bones of Native American children found buried at Residential Schools in Pennsylvania. Asian-American women stabbed in San Francisco. Latina women and children held in barracks at our borders. Insurrection at our Capitol. How do we make sense of it and how does it connect with our faith?

Sacred Ground (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>) is a 10-session, film and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

Interested in Sacred Ground but want to learn more before signing up? There will be an **Introduction/Preview session, on Zoom, Monday, August 30, from 7-8 p.m.**, led by the Rev. Maria Tjeltveit. The session will give an overview of the series, share a preview of one of the films, and invite discussion in a "dialogue circle"; giving a taste of what a regular session would be like. Please let Maria know that you will be joining by emailing her at revmariat@gmail.com. You can join the meeting [here](#).

Sacred Ground is being offered to anyone in the Diocese of Bethlehem as well as our Lutheran and Moravian full communion partners. The series is particularly designed for white members of congregations, so we can learn more about our history related to African Americans, from slavery to Jim Crow, Native Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, and different groups of white people; and be more equal partners with our brothers and sisters of color in the work to become Beloved Community.

Sacred Ground requires a commitment of about 2 hours of reading, film watching, and reflection between sessions, so the 10 sessions will be held every other week (with a break for Advent and Christmas). This provides for open and deep conversations and exploration in small dialogue circles where discussions are kept confidential; and shared Scripture and prayer in a larger group.

If you want to learn more, please check the [Sacred Ground](#) website (where there is lots of information) or contact the Rev. Maria Tjeltveit (revmariat@gmail.com or 484-619-5431), with questions. You can use the same email to register for the preview or the series. Registration for the series is required by September 7.