Koinonia Team at Stone Hill Church

The Stone Hill Koinonia Team strives to lead the church congregation to strengthen the unity of the Body under the headship of Jesus Christ while embracing racial, ethnic, socioeconomic and other diversity. It was founded in 2014 when the church leadership realized that it did not understand—and needed to understand—why some of the African Americans in the congregation were so upset by the events surrounding the deaths of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown. Since then, Stone Hill Church has grown increasingly multi-ethnic, with large numbers of Hispanic, East Asian, South Asian, and Caribbean Island congregants, among others. The Koinonia Team organizes regular activities, such as potlucks at Pentecost and New Year's Eve, and joint events with <u>Transformation Church</u> and <u>Westside Church</u>.

Multiplicity Conference

Stone Hill Church has partnered with other churches, especially <u>Central Church</u> and <u>The Perfecting Church</u>, to organize the annual <u>Multiplicity Conference</u>.

Blog Posts

- Long Overdue: The Emmett Till Antilynching Act of 2022 and the Church's Response (May 1, 2023)
- The Multi-Ethnic Church: A Goal to Strive For (Jan 13, 2023)
- Asian/Pacific American Month (May 24, 2022)
- A Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. In His Own Words (Jan 17, 2022)
- Reflections on Ahmaud Arbery (Dec 14, 2021)
- Hispanic Heritage Month (Oct 5, 2021)
- Koinonia Fall Kickoff (Oct 5, 2021)

Some Past Events

For video recordings of items in italics, please email Koinonia Team Leaders.

• Getting to Know Our Multi-Ethnic Church: Haiti (April 2024)

- Social Justice, Critical Theory, and Christianity: Are They Compatible? (Kellen Funk, Jun 10, 2023)
- Japanese American Internment, Redress, and Racial Atonement (John Matsui, Nov 12, 2022)
- Hispanic congregants share their experiences (March 2022)
- A Proud Heritage: The African American Presence and Contribution in the Sourland Mountain Region and Surrounding Area (Elaine Buck and Beverly Mills, Feb 2022)
- Anti-Asian Violence (panel discussion, Mar 2021)
- Understanding Princeton's African American History: A Virtual Tour (Shirley Satterfield, Feb 2021)
- Combating Injustice and Poverty in Crisis Pregnancies (Carolyn Gilmore, Jan 2021)
- *Prison, Race, and the Gospel: A Conversation* (Charles Richardson and Victoria Thomas, Oct 2020)
- A Pastoral Conversation on the Crisis of Justice in Our Country (Matthew Ristuccia and Nyron Burke, Jul 2020)

Book and Film Discussions

- *Talking About Race*, by Isaac Adams (book)
- *One Blood*, by John M. Perkins (book)
- *Emanuel* (film about Charleston church shooting)
- *The Color of Compromise*, by Jemar Tisby (book)
- *Woke Church*, by Eric Mason (book)
- *Divided By Faith*, by Michael Emerson and Christian Smith (book)
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot (book and film)
- *The Hate U Give* (film)
- *Black Panther* (film)