

News Release

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Racial Justice

Kansas City, MO (June 2, 2020) – Ecumenical prayer service to be held 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 2732 Benton Blvd, Kansas City, Missouri.

The Episcopal and ELCA Lutheran churches of the Kansas City Metro area invite people of all faiths to an open-air event to join with them in ecumenical prayer for racial justice. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, the event will be held at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 2732 Benton Blvd, Kansas City, Missouri. St. Augustine’s is a historically African-American parish in the heart of Kansas City’s eastside.

Among the scheduled speakers are Congressman Emanuel Cleaver; the Rev. Susan Candea, bishop of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; the Right Rev. Martin S. Field, bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri of the Episcopal Church; and the Right Rev. Cathleen Bascom, bishop of the Diocese of Kansas of the Episcopal Church.

“God desires to gather us around the table of God’s reign and mercy, where each unique life has value and meaning and where the wonderful diversity of God’s creation is respected and celebrated. But, in our sin and brokenness, we are not willing to live in justice, to live in peace,” said Bishop Candea, “And so we pray. We pray that God’s Spirit would bring about healing and reconciliation and that God’s Spirit would change us.”

Those attending this outdoor prayer service should bring lawn chairs and, to show love for neighbors and friends, facial masks.

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Information about the Central States Synod is available at css-elca.org.

About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with nearly 3.5 million members in more than 9,100 worshiping communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands.," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer Martin Luther.

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Information about the Diocese of Kansas is available at www.episcopal-ks.org

The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas includes more than 8,000 members in 44 congregations, as well as two social service agencies. It was founded in 1859, The diocese covers the eastern 40 percent of the state of Kansas, extending as far west as Abilene and Wichita. It also includes the cities of Topeka, Lawrence, Manhattan, and the entire Kansas City metropolitan area on the Kansas side of the state line.

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Information about The Diocese of West Missouri is available at: diowestmo.org

The Diocese of West Missouri, founded in 1889, is a diverse mix of 47 urban, town and rural Episcopal churches spanning the western half of the state of Missouri. A part of the Episcopal Church, the diocese serves a diverse community of faith of around 10,000 people.

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