



Ecumenical Theological Seminary



Presents:

WS344: Realizing God's Beloved Community Unlocking Deadlocked Systems of Oppression, Marginalization, and Systemic Racism!

Friday, February 17th

4:30pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, February 18th

9:30am – 4:00pm

Presenter:

Reverend Doctor Thomas H. Priest, Jr., is an Ordained Teaching Elder, Minister of Word and Sacrament, Presbyterian Church USA. Tom is currently a member at large of New Hope Presbytery, Raleigh, North Carolina. Tom has held a variety of leadership positions in both business and the church. He is a past Moderator of the Presbytery of Detroit, past President of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC), past Chair of the Racial Equity Advocacy Committee (REAC) of the PC(USA) and served on the inaugural A Corp Board of the PC(USA).

Tom is founder and CEO of “A Thriving Spirit”, a ministry where its mission witnesses to how all God’s people are created to thrive as we seek to live together in Beloved Community. Tom is a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and enjoys playing golf with friends, family, and strangers. Tom is the husband of Margaret and father of Missale, father-in-law of Demond and father of Kehrie, and grandfather of Jamir.

Description of Workshop:

There is a hole in our bucket dear Christians. A hole in our bucket is the reality that we live in a deadlock system preventing us from realizing God’s beloved community.

In this workshop you will learn that to realize God’s beloved community requires Christians to unlock the deadlocked systems of white supremacy and privilege.

White power and privilege have been identified as the root cause sustaining the marginalization and oppression of people of color in society and within the communities of faith.

This workshop will address how to eradicate these barriers that prevent Christians from realizing beloved community. Despite our faith, the current reality is that division based on color of skin within the faith community prevails. The beloved community is an interdependent and interconnected community created by God. Utilizing God’s living system, church leaders will be better able to lead God’s people in eradicating the evil that disrupts our ministries and missions.

You will learn how to:

- Model God’s living system of creation.
- Model your living system current context.
- Make visible all disconnections from God’s living system.
- Identify the evil forces that cause division.

It is our hope that this workshop will strengthen your relationship with God, one Christian, one church, one community at a time such that all God’s people thrive and realize God’s beloved community.

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Registration fee \$50

Note: Attendance required both days for credit

A Zoom link will be sent to the participants after registration!

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MDiv. MA. MA in Pastoral Ministry and Doctor of Ministry