

Sunday Seminar

May 6

Islam for Presbyterians

Led by **Dr. Muhammad Shafiq**, Professor of Religious Studies at Nazareth College and Executive Director in the Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue

This is your opportunity to engage in interfaith study, to explore the tenets and practices of Islam. Dr. Shafiq will give an overview on the substance of Islamic faith and practice followed by a time for questions and answers.

May 13, 20, 27

The Church and the Civil Rights Movement

Led by **Rod Frohman**, Pastor Emeritus

May 13—From Emancipation to Angela Davis: An Overview

“By the end of the 19th century Blacks had been barred from practically all of the skilled jobs they had held during slavery.” – Benjamin Quarles

“The white race in America will not admit the Negro to equal rights if not forced to do so.” – Reinhold Niebuhr, 1932

May 20—The Trajectory of White Church Civil Rights Leadership: An Apogee and a Perigee

“So intense was the commitment of northern Protestant churches to Radical Reconstruction that they caused Congress to impeach President Andrew Johnson in 1868.” ...“Symbolizing the early 20th Century retreat of the white churches [from civil rights advocacy] was the silence of Walter Rauschenbusch,” the best-known leader of the Social Gospel movement. – Sydney Ahlstrom

May 27—The Presbyterians and the Civil Rights Movement

“The record is clear, with rare exception, the southern Presbyterians did little for Blacks and almost nothing with them.” – Ronald C. White, Jr.

The northern Presbyterians bought into the southern system of “separate but equal “ which meant that northern Presbyterian mission in the former Confederate States conformed to southern culture of segregation.

Growing in the Word

Exploring the Bible one book at a time.

May 6

The Miracle at the Red Sea
Exodus 14:1-31

May 13

Thunder and Lightning, Fire and Smoke
Exodus 19:1-25

May 20

The Ten Commandments: Part 1
Exodus 20:1-7

May 27

The Ten Commandments: Part II
Exodus 20:8-17

Thursday Voices

In May, we will engage with the PCUSA study resource "Hope in the Lord Jesus Christ."

May 3

Salvation and its result
Led by **Lynette Sparks**

May 10

We believe in one God
Led by **John Wilkinson**

May 17

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
Led by **Ernest Krug**
Lines 89-176

May 24

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life
Led by **Martha Langford**

May 31 - No gathering.