

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

September 2010
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

September 12th -- Homecoming Sunday

JASON LYDON

"Water Communion"

After a summer of being away we return to our regular Sunday services with a celebration of our different journeys. Please bring water with you that represents your journey through the summer, whether that was a journey out of the area or a personal journey of growth. Jason will share with us some stories of Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist theologies that shape the movement and can push us further to the left as a religious community.

Jason Lydon is the congregational director of the Community Church of Boston.

September 19th -- Rev. WILLIAM CHESTER McCALL III

"History of Race in Unitarian Universalism: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"

Unitarian Universalism has struggled since its inception with issues of race. White culture and white power structures have continuously maintained control and dominance within the faith community. Yet a community of resistance has always been around organizing and mobilizing for a different kind of faith community, an authentically anti-racist multicultural faith. We will discuss the roles of organizations of color within UUism as well as tell some of the stories of white anti-racists along with the stories of where we have fallen short as a faith.

Chester McCall has long been a Unitarian Universalist minister he has served churches in California and Pennsylvania. Chester has been an active part of the Jubilee anti-racist ministry out of the UUA and worked with youth, young adults, and adults all around the United States in the forward movement of anti-racist organizing.

September 26th -- DAN MCKANAN

"Uncovering Our History: Community Churches in Context"

Understanding where we come from is essential as we consider where we want to go in the future. The Community Church of Boston and the Community Church of New York come out of a century-long tradition inherited from freewheeling radical congregations, including the "Freethinker" congregations of the 1820s and 1830s and the "People's Churches" of the 1880s and 1890. Prior to the Great Depression, American religion could be far more radical at the level of individual congregations than at the level of denominations, we will explore some of the ways the community churches were part of that radicalism and what that means for our next hundred years.

Dan McKanan joined the Harvard Divinity School faculty in July 2008 as Ralph Waldo Emerson Unitarian Universalist Association Senior Lecturer in Divinity. His first book, *Identifying the Image of God: Radical Christians and Nonviolent Power in the Antebellum United States* (2002), explores theological understandings of violence and nonviolence among abolitionists, pacifists, and temperance activists.

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