



2024 Racial Justice and Religion Collective Members



Rev. Dr. Audrey Price

Deputy Director, Religion & Society Program at the Aspen Institute

Leveraging 30 years of experience as a project manager, religious leader, and scholar, Rev. Audrey Price, Ph.D., serves as advisor and thought-partner to the Executive Director on high-level strategy, while managing the day-to-day implementation of the program strategy. She leads major initiatives within the RSP, such as the Racial Justice & Religion and Religion & Philanthropy initiatives. As the Deputy Director, Audrey manages the development of RSP's programming, operations and communications, as well as support staff and consultants. In her work at the Institute, Rev. Dr. Price leverages her years as an ordained pastoral leader and as Executive Minister and judicatory leader in the United Church of Christ where she led the program elements exploring how racial justice intertwines with religion and strengthening the understanding of religion's role in advancing equity and the common good.



Ekemini Uwan

Public Theologian, Co-Host – *Truth's Table Podcast*

Ekemini Uwan is a public theologian, international human rights activist, and co-author of the 2023 NAACP Image Award Nominated book *Truth's Table: Black Women's Musings on Life, Love, and Liberation*. She co-hosts the award-winning podcast *Truth's Table* and *Get In The Word With Truth's Table*.

Uwan is a 2022 Aspen Ideas Festival Fellow and a 2023 and 2024 fellow at The Aspen Institute. She serves as the Special Advisor for The Aspen Institute's Racial Justice and Religion Collective.

In addition to being an NAACP Image Award Nominated Author for Outstanding Literary Work, Ekemini is a charter member of The International Civil Working Group of the Permanent Forum for People of African Descent at the United Nations. Uwan is a reparations activist whose work spans the globe, as she has advocated for global reparations on behalf of Africans and African Descendants on the floor of the United Nations three times.



PJ Andrews

Race Discourse Officer, Baha'i National Center

PJ coordinates the office's collaboration with individuals, organizations, and agencies in the U.S. engaged in public discourses and policy advocacy directed toward racial justice and unity. Prior to joining the office in 2017, PJ worked in ethical culture development for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), in government relations for national service programs with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), as a case manager for U.S.

Congressman Chris Van Hollen, and supported the work of the International Teaching Centre at the World Center of the Bahá'í Faith in Haifa, Israel. PJ holds a M.Ed in Human Development and Psychology from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a BA in American Studies from Tufts University.



Rev. Dr. Leroy Barber

Executive Director, Neighborhood Economics
Co-Founder, The Voices Project
Adjunct Professor, Multnomah University

Leroy Barber has dedicated 33 years living and working towards what Dr. King called "the beloved community." In 1989, burdened by the plight of Philadelphia's homeless, he and his wife, Donna, founded Restoration Ministries to serve homeless families and children living on the streets. In 1994 he became Director of Internship Programs at Cornerstone Christian Academy. Leroy was licensed and ordained at

Mt Zion Baptist Church, where he served as Youth Director and served as Associate Minister of Evangelism. In 1997 he joined FCS Urban Ministries in Atlanta, GA working with the Atlanta Youth Project to serve as the founding Executive Director of Atlanta Youth Academies, a private elementary school providing quality Christian education for low-income families in the inner city. Leroy also helped found DOOR Atlanta, Community Life Church, South Atlanta Marketplace, and Community Grounds Coffee shop in Atlanta, as well as Green My Hood and The Voices Project. Leroy is an innovator, entrepreneur, and lover of the arts. Leroy has a Masters Degree in Divinity and D. Min.

Leroy is currently the Executive Director of Neighborhood Economics. Leroy is the Co-Founder of the Voices Project and Adjunct professor at Multnomah University. Rev. Barber has served on the boards of The Simple Way, Missio Alliance, The Evangelical Environmental Network (EEN), and the Former Board Chair of the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA).

He is the author of four books: *New Neighbor: An Invitation to Join Beloved Community* (2008); *Everyday Missions: How Ordinary People Can Change the World* (2012); *Red, Brown, Yellow, Black and White: Who's More Precious In His Sight?* with Velma Maia Thomas (2014), and *Embrace: God's Radical Shalom For A Divided World* (2016). Leroy currently lives in Portland Oregon and has been married to Donna for the past 37 years. Together they have six children.



Rev. Traci D. Blackmon

CEO & Founder of HopeBuilds, LLC

Theologian in Residence, Eden Theological Seminary

Rev. Blackmon is the CEO & Founder of HopeBuilds, LLC, a consultancy for communities, corporations, and congregations eager to build the just and equitable world they imagine. She also serves as theologian in residence for Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, MO and Chaplain for the Central Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

As a public theologian and ordained minister in the United Church of Christ with 25+ years of experience in community health as a registered nurse, Rev. Blackmon's life's work focuses on communal resistance to systemic injustice. She served as a local church pastor in both the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ prior to accepting a call to serve as Associate General Minister and Vice-President of the United Church of Christ for seven years, working collaboratively to launch several anchor initiatives for the denomination. Her messages of hope and healing have been received by national and international audiences, including the White House, the Carter Center, the Pontifical Council of the Vatican.



Rev. Jamar A. Boyd II

Senior Pastor, Kenwood United Church of Christ (Chicago)

Associate, Office of the President, MacArthur Foundation

Rev. Jamar A. Boyd, II serves as Senior Pastor of Kenwood United Church of Christ – Chicago. Jamar is also the Associate, Office of the President at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

He joined the Foundation in 2023 after two years as Senior Manager of Organizational Impact for the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc. As a member of the Senior Leadership team Jamar contributed to the organizational strategy engaging African American clergy and emerging leaders in racial justice. Previously, he was the Justice Reform and Economic Justice Organizer at Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP). Additionally, he was a graduate fellow of The Gift of Black Theological Education & The Black Church Collaborative (The Collaborative).

Jamar received a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management from Georgia Southern University, and a Master of Divinity from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. He serves as a Board member of Oikos Institute for Social Change, Board member of the Hyde Park and Kenwood Interfaith Council, Board member of the Norma J. Sanders Free Clinic and consultant to The Collaborative.



Rev. Harvey J. Clemons

Pastor–Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Houston)

Founder, Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation

Founder, Pleasant Hill Community Development Corporation

At the helm of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Houston as Pastor since 1983, Reverend Clemons is a builder of people’s lives and their communities. He is instrumental in the comprehensive neighborhood revitalization movement of the Fifth Ward community and founded the Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation in 1989 and later the Pleasant Hill Community Development Corporation (1998). Under his leadership tenure (1989-2010), the Fifth Ward and the City of Houston has improved by the construction of over 200+ single-family homes, construction, and acquisition of over 2,300 multi-family housing units, and thousands of square feet of commercial space.

Reverend Clemons is a recipient of countless awards and honors including the NAACP Mickey Leland Humanitarian Award and the College of Biblical Studies Neighborhood Builders Award. A continuing student and expositor of God’s Word, Reverend Clemons studied in England at Oxford University, Regents Park College. He is a contributing author of *The African American Devotional Bible*, the first devotional Bible written for African Americans by African Americans and contributing author of the publication, *Oxford Sermons* (2007). He serves on various Boards, Committees and Advisory Councils including Buffalo Bayou Partnership, Center for Urban Transformation, BioLogos, Faith Leader for Ending Gun Violence and Rice University’s Religion and Public Life Program. Although simply stated: “he loves God and he loves people”, it encapsulates the character, ministry, and achievements of the Reverend Harvey Clemons Jr.



Kaitlin B. Curtis

Kaitlin Curtice is an award-winning author, poet-storyteller, and public speaker. As an enrolled citizen of the Potawatomi nation, Kaitlin writes on the intersections of spirituality and identity and how that shifts throughout our lives. She also speaks on these topics to diverse audiences who are interested in truth-telling and healing.

As an inter-spiritual advocate, Kaitlin participates in conversations on topics such as colonialism in faith communities, and she has spoken at many conferences on the importance of inter-faith relationships.

Besides her books, Kaitlin has written online for *Sojourners*, Religion News Service, Apartment Therapy, *On Being*, *SELF Magazine*, and more. Her work has been featured on CBS and in *USA Today*. She also writes at *The Liminality Journal*. Kaitlin lives in Philadelphia with her family.



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Rabbi Lindsey Danziger

Senior State Organizer, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

Rabbi Lindsey Danziger guides synagogues and clergy across the country in their work to organize and mobilize for justice. She is also an adjunct professor at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where she teaches Community Organizing. She was ordained there in 2017 and also received a master's degree in Religious Education. She is on the board of the Jewish Federation of Nashville.

Rabbi Danziger resides in Nashville, TN, with her husband, Rabbi Michael Danziger, and their three children.



Nina Fernando

Executive Director, The Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign

Nina M. Fernando serves as Executive Director at The Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign, a multifaith coalition of religious denominations and faith-based organizations committed to dismantling anti-Muslim discrimination and violence in the United States and building a society where all are treated with dignity and respect. Nina is a Sri-Lankan Californian raised Catholic. Her intersectional identities have informed her work as a multifaith community organizer, activist, vocalist, and songwriter.



Lisa Sharon Harper

Founder and President, Freedom Road

Lisa Sharon Harper is the founder and president of Freedom Road, a groundbreaking consulting group that crafts experiences that bring common understanding and commitments that lead to common action toward a more just world. Lisa is a public theologian whose work has sparked and fed the fires of reformation in the church, from Ferguson and Charlottesville to South Africa, Brazil, Australia and Ireland. Lisa's book, *Fortune: How Race Broke My Family And The World-- And How To Repair It All*, was named one of the "Best Books of 2022." Lisa is a board member of The Justice Revival—the leading organization of the #Faith4ERA campaign. An Auburn Senior Fellow,

Lisa is also proud to join the inaugural cohort of the Aspen Institute Racial Justice and Religion Collective. The Huffington Post identified Lisa as one of 50 Women Religious Leaders to Celebrate on International Women's Day. Lisa is host of the Freedom Road Podcast and cohost of The FOUR Podcast.



Dr. Randal Jelks

Professor of African American and African Diaspora Studies,
Indiana University

Randal Maurice Jelks, Ph.D., is The Ruth N. Halls Professor of African American and African Diaspora Studies at Indiana University. Jelks was born and spent his childhood in the city of New Orleans. Jelks's lineage in Louisiana traces back to 1830s and 1840s via his enslaved ancestors from Maryland and Virginia. He is a descendant of the Georgetown 272. Jelks and his mother migrated to Chicago where he attended South Shore High School on the city's Southside. From there he attended the University of Michigan (BA History), McCormick Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity), and Michigan State University (PhD in Comparative Black Histories).

Jelks is an award-winning author. He has published four books: *African Americans in the Furniture City: The Struggle for Civil Rights Struggle in Grand Rapids* (2006), *Benjamin Elijah Mays, Schoolmaster of the Movement: A Biography* (2012), *Faith and Struggle in the Lives of Four African Americans: Ethel Waters, Mary Lou Williams, and Eldridge Cleaver and Muhammad Ali* (2019), and *Letters to Martin: Meditations on Democracy in Black America* (2022). Jelks' writings have appeared in the *Boston Review*, *Black Perspectives*, *Los Angeles Review of Books* as well as other national scholarly periodicals.

Jelks has been a fellow at the National Humanities Center in Research Park Triangle, North Carolina, a Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Studies at Masaryk University, Brno Czech Republic, a visiting lecturer at University of Regensburg (Germany) and taught at the University of Ghana, Institute for African Studies.

Finally, Jelks is a documentary film producer. He has produced and contributed to *Langston's Lawrence*, *Garden City Kansas*, as well a documentary with Academy Award Winner Kevin Willmott on Langston Hughes.



Dr. Russell Jeung

Professor of Asian American Studies, San Francisco State
University; Co-founder, Stop AAPI Hate

A professor of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University, Dr. Russell Jeung is an author of books and articles on race and religion. He's written *Family Sacrifices: The Worldviews and Ethics of Chinese Americans* (2019); *Mountain Movers: Student Activism and the Emergence of Asian American Studies* (2019); and *At Home in Exile: Finding Jesus Among My Ancestors and Refugee Neighbors* (2016). In March 2020, Dr. Jeung co-founded Stop AAPI Hate, a coalition that was awarded the 2021 Webby Award for "Social Movement of the Year." Dr. Jeung was named as one of the TIME 100 Most Influential Persons in 2021 and received the Game Changer Award from the Asia Society in 2022.



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Rev. Kasey Jones

Associate Coordinator for Outreach and Growth, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Reverend Kasey Jones serves as the Associate Coordinator for Outreach and Growth for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). She leads the team that engages with churches and individuals to invite new partnerships with CBF. In addition, Rev. Jones' role includes working in the national office and with congregations to engage in diversity, equity, inclusion, and racial justice ministry efforts.



Walter Kim

President, National Association of Evangelicals

Walter Kim became the president of the National Association of Evangelicals in January 2020. He previously served as a pastor at Boston's historic Park Street Church and at churches in Vancouver, Canada and Charlottesville, Virginia, as well as a campus chaplain at Yale University. He preaches, writes and engages in collaborative leadership to connect the Bible to the intellectual and cultural issues of the day. He regularly teaches in conferences and classrooms; addresses faith concerns with elected officials and public institutions; and provides theological and cultural commentary to leading news outlets. He serves on the boards of Christianity Today and World Relief and consults with a wide range of organizations. Kim received his

Ph.D. from Harvard University in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, his M.Div. from Regent College in Vancouver, and his B.A. from Northwestern University.



Michael Mata

Director of Network Engagement and Leadership Development—TogetherLA

Michael A. Mata has been engaged for nearly 30 years in developing and implementing community and faith-based initiatives concerned with social and economic inequities, often related to racial and ethnic issues. This focus emerged from being heavily involved in organizing African-American, Latinx and Korean evangelical leadership in the rebuilding efforts after the 1992 Los Angeles “civil unrest.” He integrates those experiences into his teaching, training, and consulting. Currently, he is Director of Network Engagement and Leadership Development with TogetherLA (committed to strengthening the efforts of churches, parachurch organizations and Christian individuals to “love the city” in tangible and transformative ways). Prior to this assignment, he served as director of the Transformational Urban Leadership Program at Azusa Pacific University, Community Transformation Specialist with Compassion Creates Change, Inc., Tools for Transformation Director with World Vision U.S. Programs, and the Mildred M. Hutchinson Professor of Urban Ministry at the Claremont School of Theology, where he was also the Director of the Urban Leadership Institute. Mata is an ordained minister and serves as part of the pastoral team at the Los Angeles First Church of the Nazarene (a multi-ethnic/multi-congregation church).

Among the various organizations with which he is or has been affiliated are: National Latino Evangelical Coalition, Christian Community Development Association, Innovative Space for Asian American Christianity, Los Angeles Mayor’s Interfaith Collective, PBS SoCal, and the Imagen Foundation. He holds degrees in Biblical Literature, Religion and Urban Planning.



Dr. Beverly Eileen Mitchell

Professor of Systematic Theology and Church History, Wesley Theological Seminary

Dr. Beverly Eileen Mitchell, Ph.D., is Professor of Systematic Theology and Church History at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Her teaching and research interests include Systematic Theology, Church History, human dignity, genocide, global poverty, and the history of the African American struggle for justice. She is the author of numerous articles and lectures related to human dignity and white supremacy; and two books, *Black Abolitionism: The Quest for Human Dignity* (2005) and *Plantations and Death Camps: Religion, Ideology, and Human Dignity* (2009). She is currently working on a manuscript in which she deconstructs the ideology of white supremacy and examines the ways in structural racism perpetuates racial inequity through housing discrimination in African American communities.



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Pastor Gil Monrose

Alumni Chair, We Are All Brooklyn; Director of Faith-based and Clergy Initiatives, Office of the Brooklyn Borough President; Founding President, 67th Precinct Clergy Council Inc. “The GodSquad;” Founder and President, Brooklyn Center for Quality Life

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Nicole Pressley

Field and Programs Director, Unitarian Universalist Association

Nicole Pressley is the Field and Programs Director at the Unitarian Universalist Association, leading its Side With Love and UU the Vote campaigns. She is a Black, queer organizer and communications strategist. She has dedicated her career to base building and capacity building around issues ranging from labor, economic justice, and reproductive access. In 2020, she was named one of the “Faith Leaders to Watch” by the Center for American Progress. Nicole holds a B.A. degree in African American Studies from Northwestern.



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Rev. Larita Rice-Barnes

Founder, Metro East Organizing Coalition (MEOC); CEO, Global Political Advisor; Founder & Lead Organizer, Global Impact Leadership Alliance;™ Founder, RESET America RESET Africa®; Founder, My Pink Stilettos™

Larita Rice-Barnes is a licensed and ordained pastor with over 25 years' experience and extensive background in consultancy, advocacy, political advisory, and social services working with at-risk populations, individuals and families who are either unhoused or at risk of being unhoused, violently injured persons, frequent flyers and emotionally traumatized individuals and their families providing intensive on-going case management. Larita has over two decades of experience providing counseling, grief support, trauma informed care, crisis intervention and victim's advocacy. Her area of focus includes global political advisor, faith-based organizing, and community engagement with an emphasis on urban ministry, urban chaplaincy, and violence intervention/prevention.

Larita is a trailblazer. Innovation, creativity, and networking are her strong gifts. She creates platforms for dignitaries, stakeholders, and everyday citizens to engage in conversation to build shared power for the collective good of those who are marginalized. Larita's work spans across five continents: Africa, Asia, North America, South America, and Europe.



Bishop Dwayne Royster

Senior Pastor of Faith, United Church of Christ (Washington, DC); General Secretary, Higher Ground Christian Fellowship International

Bishop Royster, a leading voice in modern faith-based activism, wants to change the world. Whether he is serving as a pastor, challenging the status quo as a political activist, educating and empowering communities as a radio show host, or encouraging and inspiring audiences around the country as a writer and public speaker, his work is fueled by deep faith and passionate commitment to bringing about social justice.

Bishop Royster has served in pastoral ministry for the past over 26 years in a variety of positions and denominations. He currently serves as Senior Pastor of Faith United Church of Christ in the North Michigan Park Section of Washington DC. He is also the General Secretary of Higher Ground Christian Fellowship International and serves on the College of Bishops. He currently serves as the National Political Director of Faith in Action (formerly the PICO National Network), the nation's largest faith-based organizing movement committed to racial and economic justice with 40+ federations in 26 States and four countries. Bishop Royster serves as the Founder of the Society for Faith and Justice. His work and ministry have been featured in the *Philadelphia Tribune*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Time Magazine*, *Philadelphia Daily News*, *Philadelphia Magazine*, *New York Times*, *RT Today*, *Fox News*, *Religion and Ethics Weekly (PBS)*, *ThinkProgress*, *Huffington Post*, *Fresh Air (PBS)*, *Voice of America*, *Washington Post*, *The Washington Informer* and others.



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Yolanda Savage-Narva

Assistant Vice President of Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Union for Reform Judaism & Religious Action Center

Yolanda Savage-Narva has twenty years' experience working with public agencies and non-profit organizations to promote equity and inclusion. She is a Centers for Disease Control (CDC)-trained public health specialist who has led community based efforts in community health assessments for Indian Health Service. Yolanda was also the Executive Director of Operation Understanding DC, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting understanding, cooperation, and

respect while fighting to eradicate racism, anti-Semitism, and all forms of discrimination.

Yolanda Savage-Narva is currently the Assistant Vice President of Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for the Union for Reform Judaism and the Religious Action Center. She is also an alumna of JewVNation cohort, a past Vice-Chair of the Commission on Social Action, Senior Schusterman Fellow, a member of the Board of Directors for the Federation of Greater Washington, Capital Jewish Museum, Leading Edge, American Jewish World Services and the Historic Sixth and I Synagogue in Washington, D.C. Yolanda is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; an international Black sorority dedicated to community service and education. Yolanda is a graduate of Tougaloo College (Sociology) and has a master's degree in education from Jackson State University. In her spare time Yolanda loves being outdoors, reading, birdwatching, playing sports and traveling with her son Miles and husband Andrew.



Tahil Sharma

Interfaith Minister in Residence, The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

Tahil Sharma is an interfaith activist based in California, born to a Sikh mother and a Hindu father. Following the events of the Oak Creek Gurudwara shooting in Wisconsin by a white supremacist, Tahil has been active at the intersections of faith, identity, and justice for almost a decade. He serves on the board of Sadhana: A Coalition of Progressive Hindus and as an Interfaith Minister in Residence for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.



Sonny Singh

Sonny Singh is a Brooklyn-based musician, educator, and activist. Simultaneously spiritual and rebellious, Sonny's music is a reminder that hope, love, and devotion are crucial to our struggles and our collective survival. Sonny's debut solo album is entitled *Chardi Kala*, the Sikh concept of revolutionary eternal optimism. *Gothamist* calls it "utterly irresistible." *JazzTimes* calls Sonny's music, "vibrant, ebullient, and energized...a prayer for our ailing world."

Sonny has over two decades of experience facilitating workshops and giving talks on anti-oppression, racial equity, and social justice issues. His pedagogical approach centers reflection, honest dialogue, and critical systemic analysis. He is a member of the training teams at the Center for Racial Justice in Education and Race Forward.

Sonny's writing on racial politics, Sikhs in America, Islamophobia, and more have been published in the *Huffington Post*, *India Abroad*, *The Langar Hall*, *Colorlines*, *Sikh Chic*, *Left Turn*, *Asian American Literary Review*, *Race, Class, and Gender in the United States* (9th Edition), and *Open City Magazine*. Sonny is a board member of *TakeRoot Justice*.



Kia Smith

Senior Director of Communications, Mothers Out Front

Over the past 20 years, Kia has worked in a variety of digital, communications and public relations positions. Prior to joining the Mothers Out Front team she worked with, Faith in Public Life, Caring Across Generations, Spelman College and a number of faith-based and media organizations. Kia earned a B.A. in English from Spelman College and graduated from Kennesaw State University with an M.A. in Professional Writing. She is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary.



Rev. Kyeve P. Tatum, Sr.

Pastor, New Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church

The Rev. Kyeve P. Tatum, Sr. is pastor of Fort Worth's New Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church where he works to create a better world for the last, least, lost and left out in the city. Pastor Tatum's ministry is focused on civic advocacy. Pastor Tatum is now working with the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D.C. to preserve the contributions of African-American soldiers to freedom. As pastor of New Mount Rose, Pastor Tatum is committed to ministry that revives, renews, and restores the mind, body, and soul in a way that pleases

God.



Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis

Director, Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice; Co-Chair, Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

The Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis is a theologian, pastor, author, and anti-poverty activist. She is the Director of the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice and Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.

Her books include: *We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People's Campaign* (Broadleaf Press, 2021) and *Always with Us?: What Jesus Really Said about the Poor* (Eerdmans, 2017). Rev. Dr. Theoharis is an ordained

minister in the Presbyterian Church and teaches at Union Theological Seminary.



Nikki Toyama-Szeto

Executive Director, Christians for Social Action

Nikki is the Executive Director of Christians for Social Action, a network of scholar/activists working to stir the imagination for fuller Christian faithfulness and a more just society.

Nikki writes, speaks and teaches on the intersection of faith and justice. Her books include "More than Serving Tea" and "God of Justice." She sits on the board of several organizations including Bread for the World and More in Common. She serves as a senior columnist with InterFaith America.

Nikki brings a unique perspective integrating a design-oriented engineering degree (Stanford) to social justice work. Nikki and her family are based in the Washington DC metro area.