

Front Porch Conversations

Discussion, Reflection, Action

Video part 3

What is the story or the next chapter we need to write?

1. Who are we in Christ? Who are we now as opposed to 5 years ago or even 12 months ago?
2. What are we doing to bring a greater awareness of who we are, so that we can break the systems of our own thought patterns that lead us, not to Christ's vision and work, but to what benefits us?
3. In writing the next chapter of our story – who is it that has been missing or who has been left out?
4. Who has potentially been harmed by our past and present story? What steps can we take to become a pathway of healing?
5. Who is our neighbor now? How will we live into Christ's challenge to see neighbor as vocation?
6. In order to address God's call, what difference do we believe God is calling us to make in the next 12 months? 2 years? 3 years? How will we make this difference and measure our progress?

We believe this question and the challenge it contains is important and potentially life changing for us as individuals and for our communities: "What story do we need to write for today and for our future to continue our work to become more anti-racist?" As a first step in answering this question, we invite you to remember your baptism.

A liturgy for a congregational remembrance of Baptism as well as other resources to help you in writing a new story about how you will be the Body of Christ together may be found on the Front Porch Conversations page on the WVUMC.org website.



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