

“Climate Justice: Beyond Denial and Despair”

(A series of programs, trips & gatherings exploring the growing climate crisis and the imposition of unjust environmental burdens on communities of color and the poor.)

(1) Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, via Zoom, Sept. 22 – Nov. 10, 2022

Week #1 (Sept. 22): Why should we care about the climate crisis?

(Leading: Alan Bentz-Letts) First-person testimonies & recent climate events impacting NYC; environmental racism

Week #2 (Sept. 29): How did we get into this mess?

(Presenting: Mr. Charles Lee, Alan Bentz-Letts and Regina Tate) History and science of the environmental justice and climate movements

Week #3 (Oct. 6): “Water Is Life” (Leading: Ruby Sprott & Milli Akinsulure)

Week #4 (Oct. 13): Food Justice & Big Agriculture (Leading: Pam Davis & Gary Bogle)

Week #5 (Oct. 20): Housing & Transportation (Leading: Rainer Engelken)

Week #6 (Oct. 27): Climate Refugees (Leading: Susan Wersan & Frances Connell)

Week #7 (Nov. 3): Sixth Great Extinction & Social Collapse? (Leading: Alan Bentz-Letts)

Week #8 (Nov. 10): Where do we go from here? What gives us hope? Climate heroes and heroines, finding hope and strength in God’s presence, in the history and witness of oppressed peoples, and in the youth and indigenous movements (Leading: planning group)

(2) 2-Sundays, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in collaboration with Open Bible Study, in-person with breakfast. TBD, perhaps September 25 & November 6.

Informal programs, with Bible study included, as chance to promote series, ask questions and enjoy more relaxed conversation.

(3) Intergenerational, in-person trips, dates to be arranged:

(a) Visit with Bronx Clergy Coalition & trips to pollution sites in the Bronx
(Leading: Arelis Figueroa)

(b) Trip to American Museum of Natural History (Leading: Regina Tate)

(c) Trip to animal sanctuary (Leading: Mary Pasquini & Susan Wersan)

(d) Trip to vegan restaurant or vegan cooking demonstration at TRC (?)