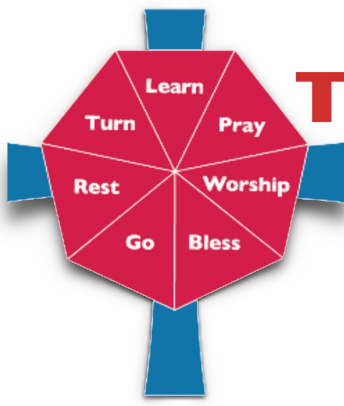




THE WAY OF LOVE

for the living of these days

ZOOM WORKSHOP

On August 29 the Peace and Justice Department held a ZOOM Workshop to explore with the participants how the Way of Love and its seven practices can help us cross safely the turbulent and uncharted waters that threaten to engulf us. Since mid-March not much in our lives has been "normal". Fear, anger, and hate stalk us. We feel it and see it. But we also see unexpected acts of kindness and compassion. As Christians we know deep in our bones that love overcomes fear, anger, and hate allowing the light to drive away the darkness. As a follow up to the Workshop, members the Peace and Justice Department are offering four small group opportunities to further explore presiding Bishop Curry's Way of Love. Each small group series will focus on a different theme or way to go farther down the path of The Way of Love. These groups will meet by ZOOM. Our plan is for the participants and the facilitators of each group to decide a given day and time to meet. Below is a brief summary about these offerings. Some group will require the purchase of a book. Scholarships are available.

Sign up for these groups will continue through September 23. Contact the facilitator of the group (or groups) you would like to join.

Group One

The Way of Love: The 50 Day Bible Challenge Each day for 50 days participants will read a passage of scripture, a reflection, and prayers. Once each week the group will meet to discuss reactions to the readings and insights gained. The group will meet for eight weeks for one hour each week. Required purchase of the book here The Way of Love: The 50 Day Bible Challenge edited by Marek P. Zabriskie. Also available on the Amazon [Kindle](#), Barnes and Noble [Nook](#), and on [Apple Books](#). Facilitators are Mary Abrams and Pamela Burdine. If you are interested in joining this group contact Mary at meabrams@bellsouth.net.

Group Two

The Way of Love for Racial Healing: A three week conversation of how the seven practices of the Way of a Love can help us explore racism and lead us to action for racial healing. The forums will feature three 90 minute conversations using ZOOM. Brief readings or videos will be assigned. The conversations will be held on Fridays September 25, and October 2 and October 9 from 4- 5:30. Facilitators are Rhody Streeter and Karl Ruttan. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Rhody at rhodenstreeter@mac.com. If you would like to participate but this days or time don't work for you please contact Rhody.

Group Three

Living The Way of Love in These Times. This 8 week series is designed to better equip us to intentionally live as lights of Christ in these days and then to a new and better "normal" when this season has come to an end. We will use Mary Bea Sullivan's little book, Living the Way of Love, as a devotional guide. Participants may purchase the book either through The Church Publishing House or through Amazon. We will meet via ZOOM each week for an hour to an hour and a half. The facilitator will be Geoff Schwartz. The expected time to begin this small group series is during the first week of October. The specific day and time of the sessions will be decided once the registration process ends. We will be flexible with the schedule. If you are interested in participating in this group please contact, Geoff at gbschwartz46@gmail.com.

Group Four

The Way of Love and Living on Earth. How might we live into the Way of Love as we seek to heal ourselves and reconcile with the larger web of life? What kind of turning and learning might we undertake? What kind of praying and worship would it involve? Where might we go and who and what might we bless? How can we learn to accept God's invitation to rest and grant a sabbath jubilee for all the earth? This is the spiritual work of reconciliation with the whole of creation. The times and dates of these five, one-hour discussion sessions will be determined by the group. Jerry Cappel will facilitate this group. If this online exploration is of interest to you, contact jjcappel@hotmail.com.