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Conversations

How to Engage in Dialogue about Race with Our Children and among Ourselves

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021

Time: 4:00 – 5 :00 p.m. EDT

Join MPH alumna from the MPH Class of 1998, The Reverend Eboni Marshall Turman, Ph.D., as she discusses how to engage in a dialogue around issues of diversity, equity, inclusion, and race with our children (and ourselves!) – and the importance of doing so now!

The Reverend Eboni Marshall Turman, Ph.D., teaches theology, ethics, and African American religion at Yale University Divinity School in New Haven, CT. A first-career concert dancer and ordained National Baptist preacher, her research interests span the varieties of twentieth-century US theological liberalisms, most especially Black and womanist theological, social ethical, and theo-aesthetic traditions.

She co-chairs the Black Theology unit of the American Academy of Religion; is the treasurer of the Society for the Study of Black Religion; is a board member of the Society of Christian Ethics; and is a founding member of the Black Church Collective for which she served as lead author of the recent “On Black Lives Matter: A Theological Statement from the Black Churches.”

Through her research and scholarship, Dr. Turman is transforming the way we frame the Black experience, the contemporary movement for Black lives, and the moral significance of the Black community specifically the twenty-first century Black church. A trailblazer in the church and academy, she is the youngest woman to be named assistant minister of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City (2002–2012), and the second woman to preside over the ordinances in its 212-year history. She formerly served as director of black church studies at Duke University Divinity School (2013–2016).

She is the only womanist theological ethicist on faculty at Yale Divinity School; the recipient of the 2018 Yale University Bouchet Faculty Excellence award for research and teaching; the 2018 Inspiring Yale award; a 2017–18 Yale *Public Voices* fellow; one of *Ebony* magazine’s “Young Faith Leaders in the Black Community”; included on *The Network Journal*’s prestigious “40 Under Forty” list; named as one of the “Top 5 Young Preachers in America” by ROHO; and Auburn Theological Seminary’s 2017 “Lives of Commitment” honoree.

Beyond academia, Dr. Turman is passionate about helping Black women rise above and function through systemic gender bias, racism, and exploitation. She offers women tools for vocational, professional, and personal success, empowering them to step into leadership and assert themselves more fully in male-dominant environments. As a justice advocate, Dr. Turman challenges how the Black community is represented and engaged in the public square. She lives in New York City with her spouse, Rossie E. Turman III, Esq., and their two beautiful daughters, Haarlem and Kroux.