

AGENDA

APRIL 7 - 9, 2024

Omni New Haven Hotel

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024


4:00pm - 6:00pm

REGISTRATION OPENS

7:00pm - 8:30pm

WORSHIP SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION: The Call for Prophetic Public Theology

Bishop William J. Barber, II, Preaching

 United Church on the Green
323 Temple St.
New Haven, CT 06511

9:00pm - 10:00pm

WELCOME RECEPTION

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

8:00am - 9:00am **BREAKFAST**

9:00am – 10:30am **PLENARY 1 The Role of Public Theology: What It Should Be, What’s Happened, & What’s At Stake In A Presidential Year**

FEATURING:

- » **Rev. Dr. Williams J. Barber II**, Founding Director, The Center for Public Theology and Public Policy
 - » **Dr. Anthea Butler**, Geraldine R. Segal, Professor in American Social Thought; Chair, Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania
 - » **Dr. Philip Gorski**, Professor of Sociology; Chair, Department of Sociology, Yale University
 - » **Dr. Rodney Sadler**, Associate Profession, Union Seminary
 - » **Dr. Gregory E. Sterling**, Dean, Yale Divinity School; The Reverend Dean and Lillian Claus Professor of New Testament
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11:00am – 12:30pm **PLENARY 2 What’s At Stake In 2024? Understanding Our Political Context and the Potential Power of Our Communities**

FEATURING:

- » **Rev. Dr. Williams J. Barber II**, Founding Director, The Center for Public Theology and Public Policy
- » **Rev. A. Kazimir Brown**, Executive Director and Vice President, Repairers of the Breach
- » **Daniel Gotoff**, Partner, Lake Research Partners
- » **Rev. Dr. Robert Paul Hartley**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Columbia University
- » **Dr. Nancy MacLean**, William H. Chafe Distinguished Professor of History and Public Policy, Duke University
- » **Anne Nelson**, Author, Journalist, and Lecturer, Columbia University

12:30pm – 1:30pm **LUNCH + BOOK STORE OPEN**

1:30pm – 2:30pm

PLENARY 3 The Critical Role of Statehouses In 2024

FEATURING:

- » **Dan Blue**, State Senator, (NC) - District 14
 - » **Milton “Toby” Fitch**, Former Member of the North Carolina State Senate
 - » **Justin Jones**, State Representative, (TN) - District 52
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2:30pm - 3:30pm

PLENARY 4 Low Wages and Union Rights Are Moral Issues in 2024

FEATURING:

- » **Laurel Ashton**, Senior Lead Organizer, Union of Southern Service Workers
 - » **Pam Garrison**, Organizer, West Virginia Poor People’s Campaign
 - » **Rev. Dr. Willie James Jennings**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Africana Studies, Yale Divinity School
 - » **Dr. Heidi Shierholz**, President, Economic Policy Institute
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3:30pm - 4:30pm

PLENARY 5 Healthcare & Ecological Justice Are Moral Issues in 2024

FEATURING:

- » **Dr. Sharrelle Barber, ScD, MPH**, Director of The Ubuntu Center on Racism, Global Movements, and Population Health Equity; Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, Drexel University
 - » **Callie Greer**, Organizer, Alabama Poor People’s Campaign
 - » **Dr. Wendsler Nosie Sr.**, Founder, and Leader; Director, Apache Stronghold, Gaan Bike Goz aa
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4:30pm - 5:00pm

Group Discernment

4:00pm - 6:00pm

BOOK STORE OPEN

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Dinner On Your Own

7:00pm - 9:00pm

FILM SCREENING “*BAD FAITH*”

This documentary exposes how Christian Nationalism has become the most powerful anti-democratic force in America, with an unparalleled ability to destroy democracy from within. Secular and interfaith leaders are joining forces to defend our country from this march to fascism, but Americans seem unaware of the threat. (89 minutes)

PRESCREENING FIRESIDE CHAT FEATURING:

- » **Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove**, Assistant Director for Partnerships and Fellowships and Lecturer, Center for Public Theology & Public Policy
- » **Stephen Ujlaki**, Film Director, *Bad Faith*

8:00am - 9:00am **BREAKFAST**

9:00am – 9:30am **LECTURE** **War and Genocide Around the World, the Presidency, and the Church Past, Present, and Future** - Bishop William J. Barber II, DMin, Teaching

9:30am – 10:30am **PLENARY 6** **Criminal Justice Is a Moral Issue in 2024**

FEATURING:

- » **Daryl V. Atkinson**, Co-Director and Co-Founder, Forward Justice
 - » **Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas**, Interim President, Episcopal Divinity School
 - » **Harry M. Daniels, Esq.**, National Civil Rights Attorney, Harry M Daniels Law Firm
 - » **Dontae Sharpe**, Forward Justice
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10:30am - 11:30am **PLENARY 7** **Voting Rights & Equal Protection Are Moral Issues in 2024**

FEATURING:

- » **LaTosha Brown**, Co-founder Black Voters Matter Fund and the BVM Capacity Building Institute
 - » **Marc Elias**, Founder, Democracy Docket; Partner, Elias Law Group
 - » **Rev. Dr. Richard H. Lowery**, Hebrew Bible scholar and President Emeritus, Disciples Of Christ Historical Society
 - » **Caitlin Swain**, Co-Director and Co-Founder, Forward Justice
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11:30am - 12:00pm **Group Discernment**

12:00pm - 1:00pm **LUNCH + BOOK STORE OPEN**

1:00pm - 2:00pm **PLENARY 8** **How to Break Through the Media Narrative**

FEATURING:

- » **Roland Martin**, Journalist, Host, and Managing Editor, Roland Martin Unfiltered
- » **Sarah McCammon**, Journalist and Co-Host, NPR
- » **John Nichols**, National Affairs Correspondent, The Nation
- » **Joy-Ann Reid**, Political Analyst and Host, The ReidOut

2:00pm - 3:00pm

PLENARY 9 Preaching and Teaching Moral Issues in 2024

FEATURING:

- » **Bishop William J. Barber II, DMin**, Founding Director, The Center for Public Theology and Public Policy
 - » **Bishop Yvette Flunder**, Presiding Bishop, The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries
 - » **Rev. Teresa Hord Owens**, General Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 - » **Rev. Rodney Williams**, Pastor, Swope Parkway UCC
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3:00pm - 4:00pm

Group Reflections: A Call to Action

4:00pm - 6:00pm

BOOK STORE OPEN