

Community Church of Boston
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sunday forums

December 2006
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

December 3 -- LARRY DAY
"HIV/AIDS: A Systemic Epidemic"

HIV/AIDS continues to attack communities of color around the globe including right here in the United States. As HIV/AIDS has secretly become a "Black disease" federal and state funds have continued to be cut for services to those living with HIV/AIDS. During this talk we will look at how this epidemic has grown and the lack of resources available to fight back.

Larry, manager of Community Relations at AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, has worked extensive in the Human Services field in the Boston area for over 20 years. His dedication to the HIV/AIDS community is seen in his many affiliations Larry currently sits as Chair of both the Boston EMA Ryan White Planning Council as well as the Boston Medical Center's Center for HIV/AIDS Care and Research's Consumer Advisory Board.



December 10 -- REV. DAVID CARL OLSON
"Slavery and Justice: My Shame and My Pride"

Rhode Island was founded as a haven from the religious intolerance of the Massachusetts Puritans, but in its freedom grew to be the center of the American slave trade. Over 1,000 vessels set out from Newport, and all the institutions of Rhode Island were involved in one way or another with the enslavement economy. Brown University is examining its own history and considering what reparations may be called for today. David Carl Olson, a Brown alumnus and Rhode Island native, shares his thoughts about the soul-moving work of antiracism.

Rev. David Carl Olson is Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Flint, where he also is a founding member of the Flint-Area Congregations Together sponsoring committee-an effort to coalesce congregations throughout greater Flint to act powerfully for social justice in mid-Michigan. Olson is the recipient of the Lewis Johnson Award for his anti-racism work and social justice leadership in Boston, and was Minister of the Community Church of Boston from 1998-2005.

December 17 -- MATTHEW P. DUMONT, M.D.
"Curb Your Enthusiasm!"

In December, 2004, Matt Dumont encouraged us by observing that "even in the heart of The Beast there are self-defeating forces". How prophetic! Now he returns to warn: "Waking up to a few Democratic victories and a slightly chastened Bush felt like relief from a long nightmare. But then comes time for some thoughtful reflection about who the Democrats really are and what they are capable of."

Matt is a long-time friend of CCB and one of its most popular speakers. His decades of experience in community psychiatry were described in his book, *Treating the Poor: A Personal Sojourn through the Rise & Fall of Community Mental Health* (1994). He has also written many provocative articles in Mother Jones, Vogue and Boston magazines.



December 24 -- JASON LYDON
"Remembering Rachel's Children"

The story of Christmas is one that shapes the winter holiday season. The story of Jesus and the faith of the people is inspiring and moving. There is another story that goes along with the birth of Jesus. King Herod called for the death of all Jewish boys born within a year of the coming of Jesus. Today Rachel's children are all those murdered, exploited, and abused by the state. The birth of Jesus is mark for celebration but we must also remember Rachel's children.

Jason Lydon is the Congregational Director at the Community Church. Being raised both Christian and Unitarian Universalist, he has had the opportunity to celebrate and look deeply into the story of Christmas.

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