

An Invitation to the Community: 2019-2020 Conversations



September 5: "Immigration: Stories from the Border"

Kathy Chatelain (Assistant to the Bishop for Global Missions) will share stories and video from interfaith border ministries in the El Paso/Las Cruces region. Opportunities will be offered for making a difference (through local efforts as well as week long immersion/volunteer trips to the border) 7:00 p.m.

October 10: "Human Rights In Palestine: Obstacles and Opportunities"

Rev. Mark Brown, longtime advocate for human rights in Palestine/Israel (serving in Jerusalem as administrator at Augusta Victoria Hospital, and currently as Middle East Advocate in Washington D.C.) will offer insights into recent developments. Co-sponsors, NJP (Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel), will share local advocacy efforts. 7:00 p.m.

November 7: "Human Trafficking in Rice County. What You Need to Know Now"

Mollie Kolb, Safe Harbor Navigator, will speak on the prevalence of sexual exploitation within our community. She will share the support systems available for victims, and will alert us to the red flags. This will be followed by a panel of experts from Hope Center in Fairbault, the Northfield Police and the CAC. Co-sponsored with Northfield Rotary. 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 6: "Mental Health in Northfield: How Are the Children?"

Carrie Duba, School Psychologist at Northfield High School, will share insights into the current factors that contribute to anxiety and depression in our students, and how the schools and community are addressing these issues. She will also speak to how we might help students and ourselves maintain a personal mental health. 7:00 p.m.

March 5: "Indigenous Communities and Environmental Justice"

"The history of Indigenous people and environmental justice is a story of strength and resilience, with women at the helm...a call to action for the global movement" (*As Long As Grass Grows*, Dina Gilio-Whitaker). These are important lessons for our time. 7:00 p.m. (*Speaker and topic TBD*)

April 4: "Climate Crisis: What Can YOU Do?" Workshop 1:00-3:00 p.m.

A panel of experts from the Northfield community will address the multifaceted impact of Climate Crisis on our community. Local organizations will offer hands on information on ways to make a difference (including water/rain gardens, bee friendly lawns, recycling, composting, renewable energy for your home, etc.). Co-sponsored with St. John's Adult Forum.

May 7: Unconscious Bias: Owning It!

María Pabón Gautier, Director of the Taylor Center for Equity and Inclusion, St. Olaf College, will discuss "How what we have been taught about race, gender and sexuality impacts our thoughts." María will also share the work that the new Taylor Center is doing to address bias on campus, and offer opportunities for student/community connections. 7:00 p.m.

Open to the public. Refreshments served.

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