



2025 Race, Religion, and Social Justice Conference Schedule



Location: Tri-Faith Commons



Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Morning

7:15 – 8:30 AM | Registration & Breakfast | Marys' Hall, Countryside Community Church

- Catered breakfast and networking – Chef Jamil Bah Traore, House of Bah

7:15 AM – 5:00 PM | Art Exhibit | Narthex, Countryside Community Church (Countryside)

- **Cows of Colour:** A Metaphor for Healthy Race Relations
Artist: Peter Szto

8:30 – 9:30 AM | Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Keynote | Sanctuary, Countryside

- Conference overview and land acknowledgment
Co-Chairs, led by Paul Williams
- *Keynote Speaker:* Jamil Bah Traore, House of Bah

Mid-Morning Breakout Sessions

9:45 – 10:40 AM | Breakout Session 1

(Choose one of four concurrent sessions)

1. **Breaking Bread, Building Bridges:** An Interfaith Culinary Arts Experience
Speakers: Matthew Anderson and Kimberly Mack
Location: Sanctuary, Countryside
2. **Soufra Welcomes Immigrant Women**
Speakers: Mezhgan Halim and Pam Font-Gabel
Location: Chapel, Countryside
3. **Psychological Safety:** “Fueling” the Work of Race, Religion and Social Justice
Speaker: Shari Collins
Location: Lower Level, Tri-Faith Center
4. **Spiraling Up to Build Peace**
Speaker: Carol Horner
Location: Lower Level, American Muslim Institute

10:40 – 11:00 AM | Break



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Late Morning Breakout Sessions

11:00 AM – 11:55 AM | Breakout Session 2

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1. **From Seed to Society:** A Freshness Revolution Rooted in the Imago Dei for Social Healing and Food Justice.
Speaker: William Clayton
Location: Lower Level, American Muslim Institute
2. **Trauma-Informed Social and Emotional Learning (SEL):** Practices in Schools
Speaker: Sidra Fahad
Location: Lower Level, Tri-Faith Center
3. **Unsung Heroes:** Historical Exclusion and Addressing Lost Stories in Undergraduate Education.
Speakers: Trish Ross, Rebecca Murray, Erika Kirby, and Chris Rodgers
Location: Sanctuary, Countryside Community Church
4. **The Blackamerican Muslim Experience:**
Survival Guide for Blackamerican Muslims in the Masjid
Speaker: Rashaad Thomas
Location: Chapel, Countryside
5. **God's Work, Our Witness:** Becoming an Antiracist Church Through Education, Discernment, and Commitment
Speaker: Sharon Royers
Location: Priscilla, Countryside Community Church


Afternoon


12:00 (noon) – 1:45 PM | Lunch & Networking | Mary's Hall, Countryside

- Sponsor and nonprofit tabling and networking at Countryside and Temple Israel
- Lunch in Mary's Hall at Countryside
- Self-guided tours at all four buildings
- Midday Prayers at American Muslim Institute: 1:30 – 1:40 pm



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Afternoon Plenary

1:45 – 2:40 PM | Plenary Session | Sanctuary, Temple Israel

- **Serving More Than Food:** Culinary Arts as a Path to Purpose and Belonging
Panel Discussion featuring chefs, their stories, and their work

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

2:55 – 3:45 PM | Breakout Session 3

(Choose one of four concurrent sessions)

1. **Portraits of Courage:** Ways to Build Resilience in the Face of Racism and Hate – 30-minute documentary
Speaker: Jen Dreiske
Location: Sanctuary, Temple Israel
2. **The Meaning of Food and Life and Other Surveys:** Using Data to Feed Our Neighbors
Speaker: Courtney Wilder
Location: Social Hall I, Temple Israel
3. **Food as a Weapon:** How Food Can Be Used as a Tool for Hatred
Speaker: Kalynn Stoner
Location: Social Hall II, Temple Israel
4. **Feeding Hope:** How Faith, Family, and Food Can Help (or Harm) Black LGBTQIA+ Youth.
Speaker: Dr. Lulu
Location: Chapel, Temple Israel

Closing

4:00 – 4:45 PM | Closing Plenary & Call to Action | Temple Israel Sanctuary

- *Panel Discussion: TFI Faith Partners Senior Clergy and Religious Scholars*

4:45 – 5:00 PM | Closing Remarks & Sendoff

This preliminary schedule offers a representative glimpse of the dynamic and diverse programming planned. Final details are subject to change.