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## Seeing the Unjust Structures of Racism

Both laity and clergy are invited to attend Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer's "**Seeing the Unjust Structures of Racism Workshop**" at Bethany Children's Home, 1863 Bethany road in Womelsdorf 19567 from 2-6 pm Saturday, May 14.

Rev. Dorhauer will speak from his doctoral research on – and personal experience with – White Privilege as it relates to the church. "There is this concept that 'whiteness' is the norm. There is a complicit understanding in America that whiteness is the norm, and other races are judged by their relative comparativeness or conjunction with what is 'white,'" Dorhauer has said. "The other part to understanding White Privilege is that whiteness has a cash value. We need to understand that skin color alone carries a cash value attached to it."



This timely and thought – provoking workshop will directly relate racism and White Privilege to how Christians are called to do and be church. "Our possessive attachment to whiteness is the biggest impediment to our achieving the vision of Shalom, to our becoming the people of God that we are called to become," Dorhauer said at UCC General Synod 2015. Together, participants in this workshop will learn about the institutional structures of racism in our churches and society. The presentation will conclude with a look at what it means to be a white ally, and how Christians can advocate for the intrinsic worth of all human beings in a world of inequality. Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer was recently installed as the 9th General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Dorhauer's Doctoral studies were centered on White Privilege, and he has taught a course at Eden Theological Seminary on the topic. He has additionally penned three books including **Steeplejacking: How the Christian Right is Hijacking Mainstream Religion**. Register online at [psec.org](http://psec.org) by May 2 at 11:30 pm.

Rev. Leslie Kearney  
Chair, PSEC Justice & Witness Mission Team

## Getting to Know :

### Huff's Union Church

540 Conrad Road, Alburtis, PA 18011



Huff's Union Church (ELCA and UCC) goes back to 1744 on the UCC side, and to 1760 on the Lutheran side. After worshipping in the same building for many years, they decided, after the Formula of Agreement made it possible, to call one pastor for both congregations. Huff's called Pastor Jane Kropa to this position in 2001.

Just because Huff's has a long history (photo is of our 200th anniversary celebration of the laying of the 1815 cornerstone) doesn't mean it's stuck in its history. Huff's renovated its buildings

to make them worship-friendly, and in 2014 added a contemporary worship service once a month called "Manna" to provide spiritual bread in the wilderness.

With their sister congregation, St. Peter's Union, they hold a hunger/homeless walk annually. Huff's has an annual "Love Sunday" and asks for gift cards which are given to one of the three local agencies they support. The Easter Story Egg Hunt is a popular chance to tell the story of Holy Week at a variety of activity stations,



before hunting candy-filled eggs. At the congregation's request, Pastor Kropa offers a QPR (question, persuade, refer) suicide prevention program for non-professionals twice a year, which is advertised to the public. In the fall they host a pet blessing and offer a family fun fest with fall activities and games.

Visit us on Facebook (Huff's Union Church) or at our website: [huffschurch.com](http://huffschurch.com).



Prayers are requested for Huff's Union Church in Alburtis and Rev. Jane M. Kropa.