



October 31, 2021

From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Stigma Revisited

Why don't people seek help? Stigma is one answer.
Some suggestions to combat stigma include:

1. Learn More about stigma and addiction.
2. Listen to people who have experienced addiction, ask them about stigma.
3. Watch your language (people centered not illness centered: Not "an addict" but "a person with addiction.")
4. Speak up about stigma in sermons.
5. Help correct others who are stigmatizing persons with addiction.
6. Choose not to believe "once and addict, always an addict."
7. Pray for people by name, not condition. God knows what they need.
8. Invite the PSEC Addiction and Recovery Task Force to speak at your church.



Official Call to the 2021 PSEC Fall Meeting

Via Zoom

November 14th

3:00 pm—5:30 pm

Register your delegates at:

<https://psec2021fall.eventbrite.com>

Make a Statement on Your Yard... Racial Justice Banners and Yard Signs Available

The Zachariah Walker Racial Justice Initiative team, in promoting racial justice, is offering banners and yard signs free to churches and individuals.

For those who are able, we are suggesting a love offering of \$70. per banner and \$7. per yard sign.

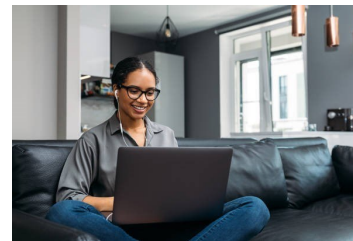
The love offering will go to further our efforts in this sacred ministry of racial equity and justice.

To order please email Rev. Anne Cormier at annecormier@comcast.net. Include in the subject box "banner" or "yard sign".



Final Computer-side Chat: Shared Ministry Models

The Last Computer Side Chat will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7:00—8:00 pm via zoom.. Each month we have been meeting on the second Tuesday of the month to discuss a topic of interest for congregations in some kind of transition.



Recently, the conversations have been around Shared Ministry. This month is the final installment of our Shared Ministry

Conversation. We will be meeting with Rev. Maureen Duffy-Guy. If your congregation is thinking about how to partner with others in meaningful ministry, this conversation is for YOU! We are always better when we are together. Creativity abounds when we share our resources and passion for ministry. Please join us by emailing Brea@psec.org for a link.