

Interim Associate Rector's Report
The Rev. Dr. Joseph Pagano
February 28, 2023

Highlights of Interim Associate Rector's Work since our last vestry meeting:

Worship and Liturgy:

Regular Worship Schedule: Carried out regular Sunday schedule of 8 and 10 AM Eucharists, Wednesday 5:30 PM Eucharists, and Ash Wednesday services.

Bulletins: I have taken over the task of preparing the bulletins for All Saints' worship services.

Interim & Christian Formation:

Missional Theology: After the heritage piece, the next interim task focuses on mission. I have designed a process for developing a mission statement, a vision statement, a values statement and a motto for All Saints. It has been posted on Trello. I can start offering my parts during Sunday forums whenever the vestry is ready.

Course on African American Theology: In conversation with the Truth and Reconciliation Committee, I have agreed to offer a short version of my university course on African American Theology and Ethics. So far we are halfway through the course. Here is a draft of the syllabus:

**A Short Course on African American Theology and Ethics
All Saints' Episcopal Church
(Draft Dec 15, 2022)**

An introduction to African American religious history, theology and ethics.

Required Reading:

Jeffrey Brodd et al, *Invitation to World Religions*

Peter Paris, *Virtue and Value: The African and African American Experience*

Albert Raboteau, *Canaan Land: A Religious History of African Americans*

Albert Raboteau, *American Prophets: Seven Religious Radicals & Their Struggle for Social and Political Justice*

Milton Sernett, editor, *African American Religious History: A Documentary Witness* (2nd edition)

Week One African Traditional Religions

Read: "Indigenous Religions of Africa," in *Invitation to World Religions*, by Jeffrey Brodd et al., pp. 55-78.

Read: "Traditional Ibo Religion and Culture," by Olaudah Equiana in *African American Religious History: A Documentary Witness*, edited by Milton Sernett, pp. 13-19.

Week Two Beginnings

Read: Albert Raboteau, *Canaan Land*, chapter 1, pp. 3-20.

Read Peter Paris, *Virtue and Value: The African and African American Experience*, chapters 1 & 2, pp. 1-18.

Read: "African Religions in Colonial Jamaica," by Bryan Edwards in *African American Religious History: A Documentary Witness*, edited by Milton Sernett, pp. 20-24.

Week Three The Independent African Church Movement

Read: Albert Raboteau, *Canaan Land*, chapter 2, pp. 21-39.

Read: Richard Allen, "Life Experience and Gospel Labors," in *African American Religious History: A Documentary Witness*, edited by Milton Sernett, pp. 139-154.

Week Four The Invisible Institution

Read: Albert Raboteau, *Canaan Land*, chapter 3, pp. 42-60.

Read: Peter Randolph, "Plantation Churches: Visible and Invisible," in *African American Religious History: A Documentary Witness*, edited by Milton Sernett, pp. 65-68.

Week Five In Search of Canaan

Read: Albert Raboteau, *Canaan Land*, chapter 4, pp. 61-81.

Read: Daniel Alexander Payne, "Welcome to the Ransomed," in *African American Religious History: A Documentary Witness*, edited by Milton Sernett, pp. 232-241.

Week Six Religion in the City

Read: Albert Raboteau, *Canaan Land*, chapter 5, pp. 82-103.

Read: Father Divine, "The Realness of God, to you-wards ..." in *African American Religious History: A Documentary Witness*, edited by Milton Sernett, pp. 478-486.

Week Seven Freedom Struggle (Part 1)

Read: Albert Raboteau, *Canaan Land*, chapter 6, pp. 104-121.

Read: Albert Raboteau, "Howard Thurman," in *American Prophets*, pp. 95-117.

Read: Howard Thurman, "The Anatomy of Segregation and Ground of Hope," in *African American Religious History: A Documentary Witness*, edited by Milton Sernett, pp. 548-554.

Week Eight Freedom Struggle (Part 2)

Read: Albert Raboteau, "Martin Luther King Jr.," in *American Prophets*, pp. 141-160.

Read: Martin Luther King Jr., "Letter from Birmingham Jail," in *African American Religious History: A Documentary Witness*, edited by Milton Sernett, pp. 519-535.

Week Nine Freedom Struggle (Part 3)

Read: Albert Raboteau, "Fannie Lou Hamer," in *American Prophets*, pp. 163-193.

Week Ten Black Faith

Read: Albert Raboteau, *Canaan Land*, chapter 7, pp. 124-135.

Read: Peter Paris, *Virtue and Value: The African and African American Experience*, chapters 3 & 4, pp. 19-76.

Intergenerational: I helped lead the intergeneration formation on Epiphany on Feb 5, 2023.

Other Tasks

Pastoral Care: I'm in the process of getting the Eucharistic Visitor's licenses updated. They expired in December of 2021.

I've been making pastoral calls on parishioners in hospital and to shut ins, to the sick and the dying.

With the leadership of Linda Procter the Pastoral Care Teams are now functioning again.

