

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez's Installation Service



Join us for Bishop Héctor's installation service on March 11, 2023 at 2 p.m.

At this installation service, we will thank God for the life, ministry, and leadership of Bishop Héctor, offer him and his family our gracious hospitality, and hear our new bishop share his vision for how God intends to lead us into the future together.

This service of installation and celebration is intended for

the whole Conference. You may participate in one of two ways:

1. In-person at the Liverpool First United Methodist Church in Liverpool, NY. A limited number of seats are available. Please RSVP for in-person participation no later than March 4 by this link, <https://bit.ly/BishopHectorInstallation>, or scanning this QR code. An onsite reception will follow this service.



2. Via livestream from anywhere in the Conference and beyond. To connect, please visit this link, <https://bit.ly/BishopHectorLivestream>, or scan this QR code on the day of the service. For livestream participation, no RSVP is necessary.



We look forward to welcoming our new resident bishop and celebrating all that God seeks to do in and through us in the days ahead.

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30 ways




you can participate in

Black History Month

No matter your heritage, culture, or racial background, Black history is EVERYONE's story. Though it is celebrated every February, we should honor our Black sisters and brothers every day. Here are 30 ways created by the General Commission on Religion and Race and the Upper New York Communications Team that you, your family, and your congregation can celebrate Black History Month this month and every month.

1. Shop at a local or online Black-owned business.
2. Attend church, Bible study, or worship at a historically Black church and experience the Gospel from another vantage point.
3. Sing hymns or songs during worship by a composer from the African diaspora. Include the history of the song or hymn in the church bulletin or on your website.
4. Attend or co-host a Black history or Black culture event in your community, in partnership with a Black congregation.
5. Take a field trip to a Black history site or museum in your area.
6. Learn more about "Black Harry" Hosier (c. 1750-1806), an African-American Methodist preacher and evangelist.
7. Research other Black United Methodist leaders from our Church's heritage.
8. Fearlessly learn more about how racism has and still affects Black people around the world and start confronting racism.
9. Donate to a Black nonprofit or empowerment organization in your community.
10. Watch a film by and about the heritage and lives of Black people. Titles to consider: *Antwone Fisher*, *Malcolm X*, *If Beale Street Could Talk*, *Hidden Figures*, *The Hate U Give*, and *One Night in Miami*.
11. Watch and discuss documentaries one about the Civil Rights movement and other series on the challenges and triumphs of Black people. Some suggestions are *Eyes on the Prize* and Henry Louis

Gates' recent series, *The Black Church: This Is Our Story. This Is Our Song*.

12. Visit a landmark about the lives of local Black heroes in your area.
13. Read a contemporary book by a Black author.
14. Read a story featuring a Black hero to your children, grandchildren, or to a local school class.
15. Seek out and talk with a Black elder (75 or older) about their experience in your community.
16. Study one of the 54 nations on the continent of Africa, including the language, culture, and current events.
17. Donate to one of the 12 United Methodist-related historically Black colleges and universities in the United States and Zimbabwe.
18. Learn about an unsung hero of Black history.
19. Attend shows featuring local Black artists, actors, poets, local musicians, or dancers.
20. Explore the breadth of Black music, from jazz to hip-hop, and gospel to southern African folk songs.
21. Call out racism and prejudice aimed at Black people and other People of Color in your church and community.
22. Learn about "colorism" and how it plays out in our society.
23. Learn more about the Black UMC caucus, Black Methodists for Church Renewal.
24. Subscribe to and learn from Black media and the Black press.
25. Engage in positive, supportive conversations about Black history and culture on social media.
26. Learn the lyrics to "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing."
27. Read Dr. King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" at <https://bit.ly/MLKbirminghamjail> or by scanning this QR code. 
28. Read a biography of an influential Black figure, such as Nelson Mandela, Malcolm X, Shirley Chisholm, Kobe Bryant, Michelle Obama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Justice Thurgood Marshall, and the Rev. Joseph Lowery.
29. Learn about the 15-year battle it took to honor the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. by visiting <https://s.si.edu/3JiYOFh> or scanning this QR code. 
30. Read about the 2023 Black History Month theme by visiting <https://asah.org/black-history-themes/> or scanning this QR code. 

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