

Diocese of Southern Ohio's Annual Absalom Jones Symposium on Social Justice set for February 18



Richard Allen

Absalom Jones

The 36th Annual Celebration of the Ministry of [Absalom Jones](#), the first African American to be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church, will be held virtually on Saturday, February 18, 9am – 1pm.

This event is hosted by the Bishop Herbert Thompson, Jr., Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, Diocese of Southern Ohio.

The symposium is held in honor of the legacy of Jones and [Richard Allen](#) co-founders of the Free African Society, founded in 1787. Allen is founder of the [African Methodist Episcopal Church](#) (AME).

The symposium's theme, "Becoming the Beloved Community Through Equality, Peace and Security", is inspired by the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights.

The program will include the annual Bishop Herbert Thompson Humanitarian Service Award presentation. The 2023 recipients are: Barbara Hudson Banner of St. Margaret; Joe and Bea Dorris of St. Simon; Ericka Hall of St. Philip; and Jackie Parrish of St. Andrews.

Moderating and hosting respectively will be The Honorable Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, Vice Mayor of the City of Cincinnati and The Very Rev. Owen C. Thompson, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral.

Presenters will include The Rt. Rev. E. Earl McCloud, Jr., Presiding Bishop of African Methodist Episcopal Church, 3rd District, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Speare-Hardy, Rector, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Trotwood, Ohio, and the Rev. Michele Godhigh, Pastor, Grace AME Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Saturday, February 18, 2023

9am – 1pm

ZOOM Meeting

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