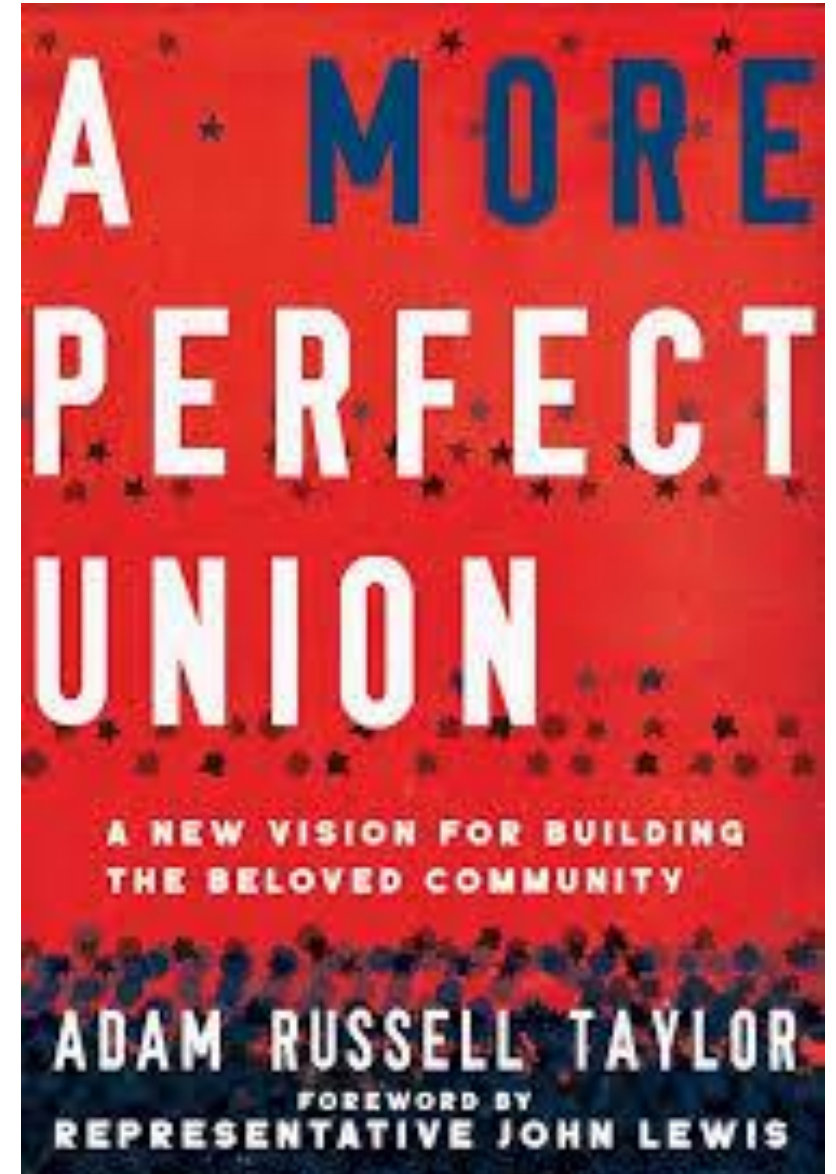
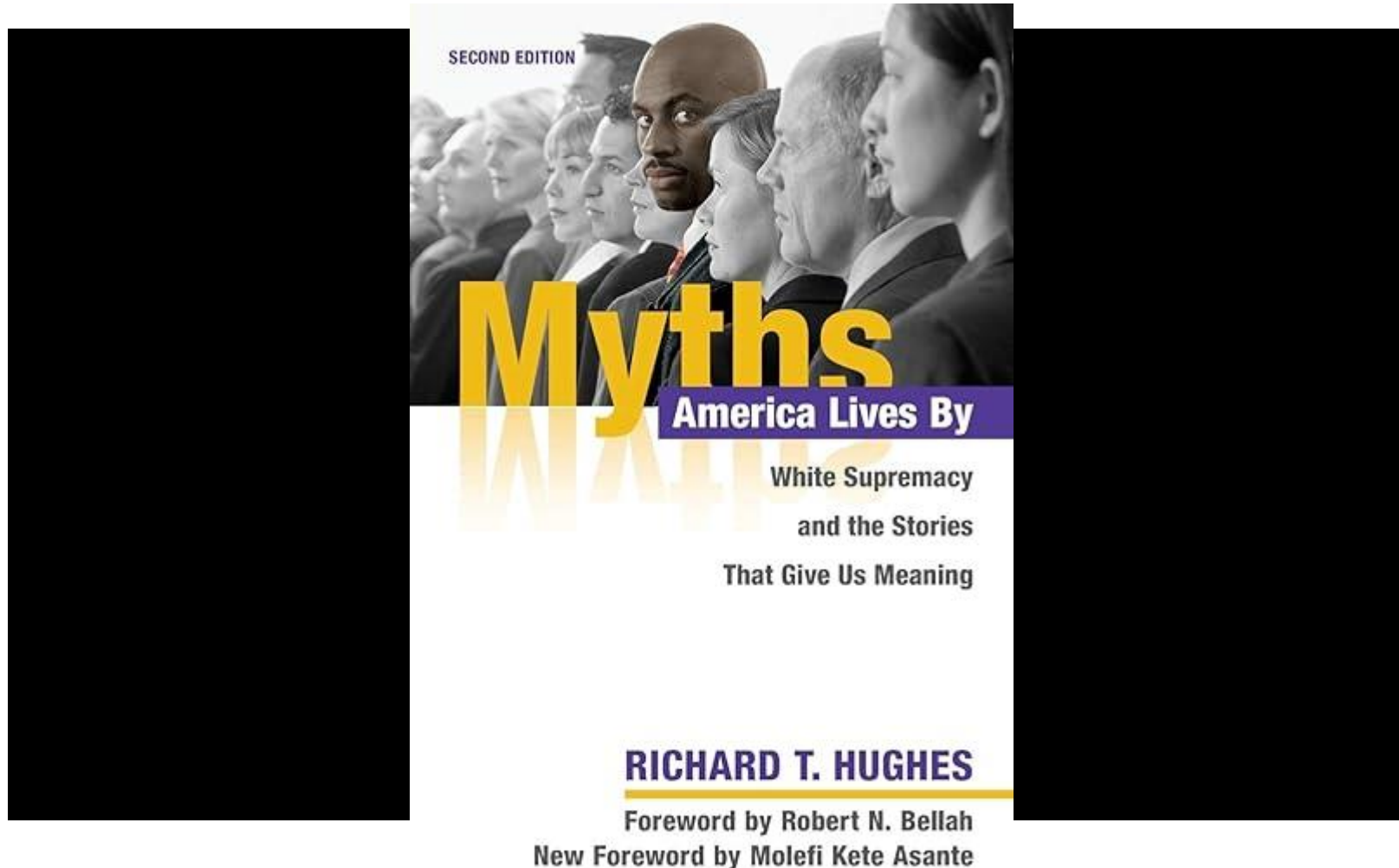


The Big Read:
A Spring Book
Discussion
Opportunity

Session Two

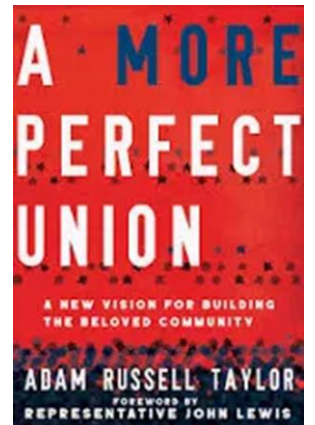


Myths America Lives By: Rob Kall With Richard Hughes



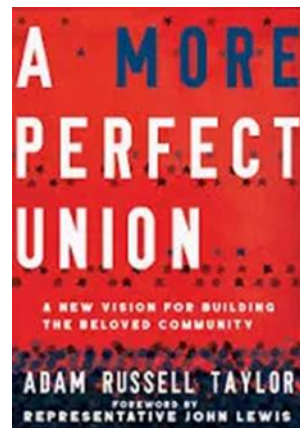
Book Discussion #1

- What are some ways your life and views have been shaped by the national myths that are named in this video and in Chapter 5, including the myth of the chosen nation, a Christian nation, and an innocent nation?
- Do you see ways to redeem any of these myths?



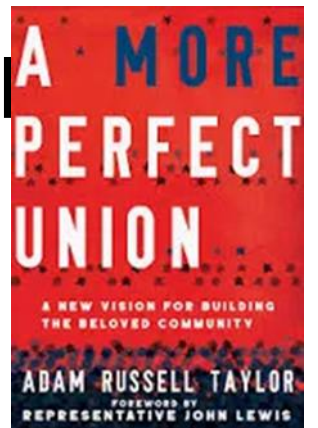
Book Discussion #2

- Have you lost friendships or relationships with family members due to political differences? Have you ever successfully mended one of these broken relationships? How did that come about?
- Can you share any examples of friendships or relationships that you've formed or maintained across significant political or other differences?



Book Discussion #3

Do you consider yourself patriotic?
Why or why not, and in what ways?
How do you think you can best resist
the temptation of destructive
nationalism and instead help redeem
patriotism?

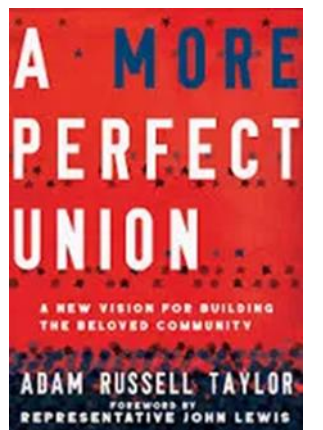


Closing Prayer

God of all humanity,

You call us to bring about healing and wholeness for the whole world—for women and men of all races and cultures and creeds.

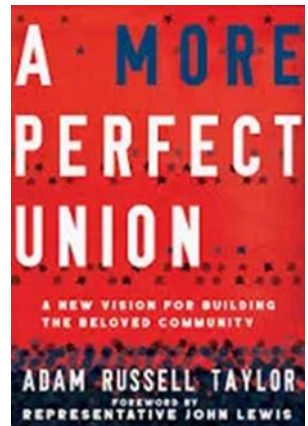
Help us to respond to a world that is groaning under the weight of injustice and broken relationships.



Closing Prayer, Cont.

Remind us that differences are a gift, and interdependence a strength from the same creative God.

Strengthen us to resist the forces that encourage polarization and competition rather than understanding and cooperation.

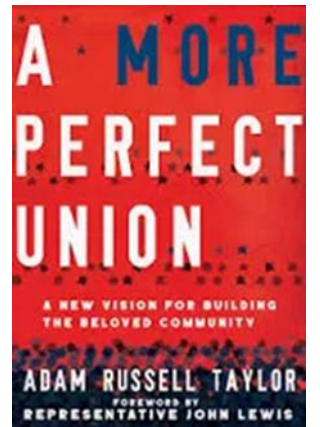


Closing Prayer, Cont.

We know that your reign is not built on injustice and oppression, but on the transformation of hearts—new life, not just reordered life.

Teach us forgiveness, O God.

Bring reconciliation.



Closing Prayer, Cont.

Give us hope for the future. We pray in Jesus' love.

Amen.

Sheryl A Kujawa-Holbrook in *Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: The Antiracism Training Manual of the Episcopal Church*