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Short Course on Biblical Justice and Christian Formation, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2020

Do you wonder about Biblical visions of justice and how our lives can be shaped by them? Does your church talk about and act upon economic justice enough?

This short course explores the Presbyterian scholar Michael Barram's *Missional Economics: Biblical Justice and Christian Formation*. This is a **LIVE ZOOM event** on **Saturdays, Nov. 7, 14, and 21 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.** The author will lead one session, and two notable Church leaders will lead us in the others. This timely event is co-sponsored by the *Justice Formation Fellowship*, a group of Multi-Cultural, White, and Black congregations who stand with the *Institute for Justice Formation*, John Leland Center for Theological Studies. Join us for this ecumenical and multi-cultural conversation of key Biblical texts on justice and economics, and their implications for our communities. There will be time for Q & A at each of our sessions. And with Zoom, there is NO SPACE LIMIT, so please invite your church brothers and sisters. NO FEE during these stressful times. **Register here:**

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Presenters:



November 7

Dr. Michael Barram is Professor in the Department of Theology & Religious Studies at Saint Mary's College of California

Read chapters 1-3 of the text



November 14

Stephen Reeves, Esq. is Associate Coordinator of Partnerships & Advocacy for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Read chapters 4-7 of the text



November 21

Rev. Dr. Timothy Tee Boddie is the immediate past General Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer of the Progressive National Baptist Convention

Read chapters 7-12 of the text

Dr. Michael Barram teaches biblical studies in the Department of Theology & Religious Studies at Saint Mary's College of California (Moraga). After completing a bachelor's degree (1989) in international studies (with minors in history and Spanish) at Whitworth College, he earned two master's degrees (M.Div., 1994; Th.M., 1995) from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and holds a Ph.D. (2001) in biblical studies (New Testament) from Union Theological Seminary (Richmond, Virginia). Barram takes students to Nicaragua, where they focus on topics such as food justice, climate change, and the legacies of multiple forms of colonialism. He is the author *Mission and Moral Reflection in Paul* (Lang, 2006) and *Missional Economics: Biblical Justice and Christian Formation* (Eerdmans, 2018). Barram is a leading voice in the emerging biblical subfield of missional hermeneutics. Since 2005, he has served as the steering committee chair of the GOCN Forum on Missional Hermeneutics (an Affiliate Program of the Society of Biblical Literature). Additionally, his academic research focuses on matters of economic justice and the biblical tradition, and on the formative function of biblical texts on moral imagination and reasoning. Barram's current book project—an introduction to missional hermeneutics—is a collaboration with theologian John Franke. He is a member and regular teacher at First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley

Stephen Reeves, Esq. is the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's associate coordinator for Advocacy and Partnerships. He leads advocacy efforts on issues related to the organization's eight mission communities. Mission Communities are areas through which CBF engages individuals, field personnel, churches and ministry partners. The communities include Education, Economic Development, Healthcare, Justice and Peacemaking, Church Starts and Faith Sharing, Internationals, Disaster Response, and Poverty and Transformation. Reeves will also leads the engagement and development of CBF partnerships and will work with CBF's new Ministries and Missions councils, as well as state and regional CBF bodies. Previously, Reeves served as the Director of Public Policy for the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. He also directed the work of the Citizenship and Public Policy office in Austin, where he advocated for moral and ethical public policies in the Texas Legislature. Before joining the CLC, Reeves served as staff attorney for the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C. Reeves is a member of the State Bar of Texas. He has degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and the Texas Tech University School of Law. He is a deacon and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Austin and serves on the national Board of Directors for Stop Predatory Gambling and Christians for Environmental Stewardship.

Rev. Dr. Timothy Tee Boddie is the immediate past General Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer of the Progressive National Baptist Convention in Washington, DC. Previously, he served as the Director of the Master of Arts in Christian Education (MACE) degree program and at Shaw University Divinity School. Dr. Boddie is also a former senior pastor of the historic Friendship Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, becoming only the sixth pastor in its illustrious 150-year history. Prior to parish ministry, Dr. Boddie served for 11 years as University Chaplain and Pastor of the Memorial Church at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia. As University Chaplain, Rev. Boddie performed in a dual role, as Campus Minister and as Executive Secretary of the nationally acclaimed Hampton University Ministers' Conference. In 2007, Chaplain Boddie was elected to a one-year term as president of the National Association of College and University Chaplains, becoming the first African-American from a historically Black university to serve this capacity in the organization's then 60-year history. An honor graduate of Atlanta's Morehouse College, Dr. Boddie majored in English at Morehouse and also holds a master's degree from Stanford University. He has done further study at New York University, and earned his doctorate degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA.

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