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Gloria White-Hammond: Would make this evening, particularly excited exciting is that we've been joined by new routes. A me church. Amen. Hallelujah. Lord, and as you know, new routes is our that's our It's Our BABY church and our sister church and we're delighted to have them any study, man.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Amen. Absolutely. So our conversation tonight is going to be looking at post election reflections and we're

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Gloria White-Hammond: Where we are, it looks like we're getting there. We, we knew in advance that it was going to be a little while, but we are like we're

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Gloria White-Hammond: Some, some good news is coming in at the same time as we're having Bible study and and I'm

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Gloria White-Hammond: Looking forward to that. So we're going to go ahead and began app just to give you a sense of what the format is. And again, I want to encourage you to enter your name in the chat and just one word in terms of

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Gloria White-Hammond: How you doing, the women pastor way is going to give us a theological framework for our conversation today with regard to post elections and reflections and

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Gloria White-Hammond: And and then we're going to hear from three individuals and I'll introduce them a little bit later, but each of them is going to offer some some thinking in terms of where we are, especially with regard to the justice issues in the area, the pandemic.

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Gloria White-Hammond: The education and climate change and they'll

engage in some conversation, you know, this format. And then we'll open it up and have some broader conversation we're hoping to have time to go into our breakout room says as well. So I'm going to go ahead and begin welcome us with our

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Gloria White-Hammond: With our devotional and so sister Carolyn is showing the PowerPoint.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Yes.

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Gloria White-Hammond: That. OK, ready to do that and there

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Right.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And then I'll be able to

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Gloria White-Hammond: And then can I share the screen now is

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh, yes, yes, yes. Okay.

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Gloria White-Hammond: We go. And many of you know that this is one of my favorite texts and when it's the one that I've been referencing since last night and remembering that

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Gloria White-Hammond: Before this election all during the process and after the election. God is still going to be God. And that's the, that's the best news is that God will still be God. And this is a reminder from the

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Gloria White-Hammond: Gospel, the New Testament letter to the to the

Hebrews and the 10th chapter verses 32 to 39 and I'm going to be reading in the message version and the message version says

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Gloria White-Hammond: Remember those early days after you first saw the light. Those were the hard times kicked around and public targets of every kind of abuse. Some days it was you.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Other days it was your friends if some friends went to prison you stuck by them. If some enemies broken and seized your goods you let them go with a smile, knowing that they could not touch your real treasure. Nothing. They did bother you nothing set you back.

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Gloria White-Hammond: So don't throw it all away. Now you are sure of yourselves, then it's still issue a thing that you need to stick it out. Stay with God's plan. So you'll be there for the promised completion.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And it won't be long now he's on the way to show up most any minute. But anyone who is right with me thrives and loyal trust and if he or she have they cut and run. I won't be very happy. We're not quitters to lose out. Oh no. We'll stay with it and survive trusting all the way

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Gloria White-Hammond: Amen, and I believe that that's good news for us as we as we prepare to do I study and let me come back to my zoom. I gotta figure out where it is. I've got I'm definitely multitasking here.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Up at the top, you'll see something that will say stop share

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Gloria White-Hammond: You know, now I've lost the zoom screen all together.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, so go down at the bottom and see if you could see

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Can you see the zoom logo Reverend Gloria.

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Gloria White-Hammond: That I can, I can, but I am in my

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Gloria White-Hammond: I am working with the external monitor

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Gloria White-Hammond: And like I can't figure out where you all are

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Gloria White-Hammond: We're still

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Going. Oh, here we go. Okay.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Okay, great.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And can you play the the YouTube

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Gloria White-Hammond: link that I can. Yes. Um,

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Carole Copeland Thomas: When did you send me that link.

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Gloria White-Hammond: In the text message. But let me

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Gloria White-Hammond: You want me to

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh. Oh.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I know text that

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Just give me a second. And I will

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Gloria White-Hammond: not careful.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To that and let me

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Second here.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Here we are.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Me, pull it up.

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Jamie | she/hers: Girl. If it's helpful. I sent it in the zoom chat.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The link. Oh, yes. Thank you. And I do have it.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Everybody just so you know that the person just

focus Jamie and Jamie the pastoral assistant that new Ruth and it to me. Amazing. And it's great to have you on board.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Here. Thank you, Pastor, Gloria, have it to have it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you Jamie

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Gonna bring up the screen. One second.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Just a reminder that

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Gloria White-Hammond: Can't take away

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Gloria White-Hammond: Know we can skip it. If it's a

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Resistance. We had a class believes in the words written by the poet
toy Derek Carr when she wrote join is an act of resistance.

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We believe in the words of Mr. Harry Belafonte who said, when the
movement is strong. The music is strong. We sing to revive the hearts
of those who fight for social justice and we sing together for
freedom.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Man Thank you so much. Sister Carol for playing
that and thanks again to each one of you who is joining us tonight.

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Gloria White-Hammond: I want to go ahead and get started. Chris all
that I see that pastor Carrington is in the healthy

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Gloria White-Hammond: He's, he's still officially on vacation, so you
see him, but you don't see him just be in prayer for him, and we're
happy to have him join us and thank you again for the opportunity to
carry on in your absence of pastor Karen and

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Gloria White-Hammond: I think I'm going to go ahead and introduce our speakers and then I'm going to ask pastor ray to take it away. Our first speaker is

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Gloria White-Hammond: As Reverend Reverend Dr. But our first speaker is Paulette Chandler pilot is a position at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and she does. Epidemiology research at

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Gloria White-Hammond: Brigham and Women's it she's going to be talking with us about the Copa 19 and particularly with regard to the disproportional

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Gloria White-Hammond: Impact what what is what. How do we think about this is the latest symptom of systemic racism. Next, we'll be joined by an person who is no stranger to any of us and Jerry Robinson, who's

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Gloria White-Hammond: A member of our congregation who also is a school committee member of the Boston Public Schools.

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Gloria White-Hammond: has had a long history of working on behalf of children, especially preschool children and in light of Cobra 19 as you know much about education has changed on our particular concern tonight is with regard to public school education and

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Gloria White-Hammond: The fear that there are many children who will be left behind and trying to

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Gloria White-Hammond: Educate them in the context of this pandemic. And then finally, another person who, by no means is a stranger to us. And this is the

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Gloria White-Hammond: The pastor of new routes. A me church Reverend Marianna white heaven, who, again, is we know her background, we didn't grow her up.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And it's wonderful to have her back again, and she'll be talking with us about climate change is climate changes in an issue of social justice or social just us. And I'm going to ask pastor ray of you can begin to get away.

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Ray Hammond: But evening everybody. Good to see you.

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Ray Hammond: And glad for us all be able to take a moment in the middle of this

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Ray Hammond: Interesting season and our history and and our world.

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Ray Hammond: To think about a couple of different things, first of which is perhaps a biblical and theological framework through which we can kind of see the moment, maybe with fresh eyes.

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Ray Hammond: And also equip ourselves for the fact

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Ray Hammond: That whatever happens that increasingly looks fairly certain that Joe Biden will

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Ray Hammond: Be the president and Kamala Harris, the Vice President.

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Ray Hammond: Perhaps with a whole bunch of battles and we don't know where this was going to be in all this will see

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Ray Hammond: But

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Ray Hammond: That's really, as I say, not the end of anything. It's just the end of one beginning and we're asking our panelists to help all of us think

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Ray Hammond: In light of that, oh my god, be asking each of us to do. So I'm going to ask you to turn with me to the book of First Samuel and we're going to read that entire eighth chapter

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Ray Hammond: And then I want to make a few comments about that lay out a few questions and then turn the floor over to our panelists.

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Ray Hammond: Here we find the prophet Samuel and many of you are familiar with it, some may not be. It's, it's the story of a prophet by the name of Samuel

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Ray Hammond: Who is a call to the Nation of Israel, and he focused he functions, both in many ways as a prophet and what they would call the judge, which was a political leader. He was, he or she Deborah being one of the judges would lead

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Ray Hammond: The people in battle, call them.

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Ray Hammond: Into unified action as a nation, rather than acting as the 12 separate tribes that they might otherwise, think of themselves as

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Ray Hammond: And so it's Samuel, who at this moment comes to a watershed place in the history of this nation which he has been called to both serve and lead

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Ray Hammond: And it says here in the eighth chapter when Samuel grew old, he made his sons judges that political position I talked about

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Ray Hammond: Yes, they did. Judge they settled political disputes. They settled land disputes. Other things of that nature, but it said, as I said before they were political leaders have a sword and calling the people together.

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Ray Hammond: Can you see me.

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Sabrina Gray: We cannot see you

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Ray Hammond: That's interesting. I can see myself on zoom

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Is that

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Gloria White-Hammond: Did you look good.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Looks good, looks good or bad. It

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Ray Hammond: Is so strange. I'm seeing myself in the gallery.

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Sabrina Gray: No, we don't see you

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Ray Hammond: Can you say that

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For a moment.

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Ray Hammond: Sister, Carol. I don't know if that makes any difference. I may not make any difference at all. Let me look at

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Them. I've already stopped.

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Ray Hammond: Because it's still on my screen. Uh huh.

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Ray Hammond: I have no idea what

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, let me just start it at that. I'm going to stop it again.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, so I'm not sharing

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh, I know what it is. All I know, I know exactly what it is.

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Cassie Quinlan: Now we do a master.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah, Reverend Gloria, he go into your PowerPoint and quit PowerPoint.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That that's what's going on.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Are you both using the same machine.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah, you have to completely exit PowerPoint or Keynote.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: In order to move forward. I think that may be it.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Yeah yeah I quit PowerPoint.

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Okay.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Because pastor. We saw you before.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: He left and he's going to come back.

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Ray Hammond: Do not know continued reading the text. And let me just catch up with you. Hold on a second.

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Ray Hammond: Okay, then all the leaders, verse four of Israel met together, went to Samuel and Rama and said to him, Look, you are getting old and your sons don't follow your example.

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Ray Hammond: So then appoint a king to rule over us so that we will have a king as other countries have

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Ray Hammond: Samuel was displeased with the request for a king. So he prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said listen to everything that people say to you.

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Ray Hammond: You are not the one they have rejected. I am the one they have rejected as their king.

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Ray Hammond: Ever since I brought them out of Egypt, they have turned away from me and worshiped other gods and now they are doing to you what they have always done to me.

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Ray Hammond: So then listen to them to give them strict warnings and explain how their kings will treat them.

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Ray Hammond: Samuel told the people who are asking for King, everything's, the Lord said to him, this is how your king will treat you Samuel explained

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Ray Hammond: He will make soldiers of your son's. Some of them will seven is war chariots others in his Calvary and others will run before his chariots.

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Ray Hammond: He will make some of them offices and tried to have 1000 men and others and tried to 50 men your sons will have to plow fields harvest those crops make his weapons and the equipment for his chariots.

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Ray Hammond: Your daughters will have to make perfumes form and work as as cooks and bakers, he will take your best fields vineyards and olive groves and give them to his officials.

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Ray Hammond: He will take a 10th of your grain and have your grapes for his court offices and other officials, he will take your servants in your best cattle and donkeys and make them work for him.

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Ray Hammond: He will take a 10th of your flocks and you yourself will become his slaves. When that time comes, you have complained bitterly because of your king, whom you yourselves chose

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Ray Hammond: But the Lord will not listen to your complaints that people paid no attention. The same, but said no we want a king.

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Ray Hammond: So that we will be like other nations with our own king to rule us and to lead us out to war and to fight our battles.

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Ray Hammond: Samuel listen to everything they said, and then went and told it to the Lord. The Lord answered do what they want and give them a king then Samuel told all the men of Israel to go back home.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Think pastor has frozen.

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Ray Hammond: Oh, Pastor, you just

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You have yeah you frozen. Now, you're, you're back your images not back that you're back.

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Ray Hammond: Okay, good. Can you hear my voice.

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Ray Hammond: We have people who are motivated by the failure of old systems.

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Ray Hammond: That were corrupt and

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Ray Hammond: And the people rightly diagnosed the problems, but not surprisingly chose the wrong solution they assume that their solution lay in the finding of some man who would solve their problem for them.

Who would make them great again in verse five.

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Ray Hammond: You you make the right, it makes it clear that there's a desire here to be bigger, more like the other nations around them. Not this nation that God has called them to be.

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Ray Hammond: And that's actually quite specific if you go back to Deuteronomy, the ways in which God says they're supposed to be quite different.

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Ray Hammond: Different in their treatment of those who are in need different in the way that they deal with those who are strangers in their midst.

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Ray Hammond: Those who are immigrants, those who are what we would call a and we were called aliens, because God said your history absolutely requires you

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Ray Hammond: As those who were yourselves immigrants to always have a heart for those who are also immigrants and who are strangers in your myths, but that calling that particular

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Ray Hammond: Thing still coming through. Okay.

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Ray Hammond: They're so desperate for their own vision of what it is. THEY BELIEVE THEY'RE CALLED THE BIG

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Ray Hammond: That they're willing to ignore the incredible price this king will require them to pay. And in fact,

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Ray Hammond: Samuel spells it out in great detail for them and by verse 19 despite all that said, it becomes clear that the prophetic

voice.

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Ray Hammond: Will be ignored.

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Ray Hammond: Here's the sobering news in spite of all the people have had a chance to see over the past four years, almost half the nation still says for more

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Ray Hammond: That's the challenge. Amen. The sobering reality.

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Cassie Quinlan: There.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That was such a frightening thought we scared away pastor Hammond.

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Ray Hammond: Yeah I froze. Again, I don't know what's

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Ray Hammond: Let me take

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Gloria White-Hammond: All right, very good, very quickly, so we can get into our guest this. I have no idea what's going on with my computer yet, but I just want to challenge you to think about the fact that, in spite of what we have seen over the past four years.

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Gloria White-Hammond: About half the nation so far. Joe Biden's running about 3 million votes ahead of President Trump's about half the nation says we want four more years of that. That's the challenge.

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Gloria White-Hammond: That's the reality that's going to have to be dealt with. And the reality is that Joe Biden. Kamala Harris can't

possibly see the code for you to it, it's unfair to them to ask them to do it.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Reality is, we might just might we might be able to at least begin the process and electing Joe and Camila his beliefs that will be helpful here.

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Gloria White-Hammond: The question is, in fact, will we become deeply engage and very much engaged on the local election because all elections in the United States are local.

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Gloria White-Hammond: We have no national elections. You thought you voted in a national election, you actually voted in one of 50 state elections. That's how we elect president

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Gloria White-Hammond: It's always been that way and for the foreseeable future, it will be that way. And the question is, as we deal with this election and the elections to come

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Gloria White-Hammond: They're still going to be big issues from pandemics to education to climate change and other issues that will be pursuing

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Gloria White-Hammond: But many of those will be really solved very powerfully at the local level. Yes, with national guidance and coordination and resources prayer fully

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Gloria White-Hammond: But what we do locally will matter enormously. Certainly the task and I will close with this of changing hearts and minds for those who would ask half the population voting population.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Changing hearts and minds is going to be a very local process one on one engaging people who see the world very differently.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And we can talk more about that a little bit later, but we have before us an enormous task, but for that task. I think we have behind us the power of the Greek god

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Gloria White-Hammond: Now let's let's turn to our panelists.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Thank you so much. Pastor ray and to begin our conversation. I'm going to invite you to put the spotlight, if you will, Carol, and Dr Pollock Chandler

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Paulette Chandler: A and is it okay if I start to share my screen now.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah, sure.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Let me I'll make you a CO, CO host

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Dr. Chandler hang on one second. Let me

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Let me find your image first and then I found you. And now you are a co host perfect so you can

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Paulette Chandler: Okay, because I can do the headphones. If my audio is

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Not good. Okay, you're good.

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Paulette Chandler: So I'm going to share my screen now.

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And I'm just going to get into

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Paulette Chandler: Slideshow mode.

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Actually I'll make it back out of slideshow.

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Paulette Chandler: This is the wrong one. Let me just get the other

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Paulette Chandler: Okay.

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Paulette Chandler: Perfect. So I'm going to be talking about covert 19 the coven 19 pandemic as the latest symptom of systemic racism.

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Paulette Chandler: And we know that this pandemic really highlighted the cracks in our health care delivery system as well as our social support system.

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Paulette Chandler: And the various barriers to access to health care, as well as the different employment barriers that occurred that allow people to be exposed to the virus in disproportionate ways

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Paulette Chandler: And I'm starting out with the text Isaiah 58 six. I appreciate it. That

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Paulette Chandler: context that you gave the, the, the desire of

Israel to have that King, and yes, they have the king. But now we're in the kingdom of God. And we have a responsibility as members of this kingdom.

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Paulette Chandler: And God has given that set assignment is not this the kind of fast. I have chosen

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Paulette Chandler: To loose the chains of injustice and untie the courts of the yoke to set the oppressed free and break every yoke. So when we think about healthcare, it should be breaking these shows that are oppressing people

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Paulette Chandler: And an article by Kalia Myerson the nation. A couple of years ago highlighted. It's time for Americans to reckon with the true history of racial oppression in this country.

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Paulette Chandler: And one of the things he said you know treating this problem, you know, America was founded on the concept of white supremacy.

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Paulette Chandler: And that, you know, blacks were subhuman and everyone else was less than human. So treating this problem of systemic racism. It's like a headache.

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Paulette Chandler: You can take an aspirin and cure a headache, but if you're taking aspirin when you really have break what what you really have his brain cancer. It's not gonna work.

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Paulette Chandler: We've been taking aspirin instead of chemotherapy for our problems with race for decades and decades if not centuries. The only way we will move forward is if we have a very clear understanding of what the true history of race and racial oppression is in America.

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Paulette Chandler: And as we out

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Paulette Chandler: And and then he also highlights in that same article about the Star Spangled Banner, the national anthem and this was written after one of the major

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Paulette Chandler: Feats in DC, the black troops were helping fight in this and they have retreated, and he and they been, you know, Francis Scott Key wrote this third verse of the right

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Paulette Chandler: Of the nationally of them no refuge could say the hyperlink and slave from the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave and the Star Spangled Banner and triumph duck Wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave, but the slave did not have a

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Paulette Chandler: Robbery that

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Paulette Chandler: brings me great

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Paulette Chandler: So when we think about systemic racism and health. They have a variety of mechanisms you have institutional discrimination that can restrict socio economic attainment. For example, if you don't have access to healthy schools, you don't have access to good food, you don't have access to

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Paulette Chandler: Jobs with reasonable pay that can influence your ability to attain segregation can create pathogenic residential conditions, meaning places where you have a lot of prime places where you have poor plumbing mold growing inadequate access to

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Paulette Chandler: Variety of services that you might have in a different neighborhood that was more more economically diverse and economically rich

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Paulette Chandler: Discrimination can lead to reduced access to desirable goods and services, good health care access to good primary care access to good screening. And then as you experienced these

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Paulette Chandler: Events of racism you internalize that some can internalized racism and you develop and you may develop an acceptance of society's characterization, which can adversely affect health causing mental health issues, depression, anxiety,

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Paulette Chandler: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

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Paulette Chandler: Racism can create conditions that increase exposure to traditional stressors like unemployment, it's difficult to have to be struggling thinking about how you're going to pay for a mill. How are you going to pay the rent.

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Paulette Chandler: Will you be victim, will you have to live in a shelter. Well, you have to worry about your children being abused while they're in a shelter or your items being stolen from you while you're in the shelter.

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Paulette Chandler: And then the experiences of discrimination may be a neglected cycle social stressors. Some people say, Well, I'm going to ignore that I'm, I'm just like everybody else. But that actually becomes a cycle social stressors. And so when we think about medical racism, of course, the big

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Paulette Chandler: Thing we often think about is the Tuskegee experiment which went on for many years on the 40 you know 40 years and these men were never treated for syphilis. And then, of course, we also have the examples of the forced sterilization of black, brown and indigenous women.

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Paulette Chandler: And, but, you know, we can they go on and on about

medical racism and of course the systems that allow these these things to go on because, again, I'm a slider well

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Paulette Chandler: Who cares if they're not able to reproduce. That's fine. That's fewer of those people

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Paulette Chandler: And moving on we see that if we look at our prison system that's another form of systemic racism or we have that pipeline from school to prison.

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Paulette Chandler: Six And 10 prisoners of the US prisoners are black and Latino, yet they only comprise about 30% of the US population, you know, in some areas is even higher for the black and Latino representation in prison.

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Paulette Chandler: And then 65% of black and Latino men graduate from high school.

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Paulette Chandler: And black and Native American unemployment is twice that of whites. And when we look at the covert 19 pandemic. We know that blacks were more likely to be hospitalized. They were more likely to die, and as well as Hispanics and Native Americans.

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Paulette Chandler: So we want healthcare that addresses the social context because the social context influences the types of diseases we develop

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Paulette Chandler: So effective healthcare delivery must take the socio economic context of the patient's life seriously.

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Paulette Chandler: If you live in an environment where you can't exercise, you may be more likely to develop diabetes or develop hypertension and unfortunately individuals with diabetes, hypertension or obesity are at increased risk for developing COPD, but 90. We know

that underlying heart disease, obesity.

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Paulette Chandler: Or big as well as of course ages. A big one and crowded living situations, the health problems are vulnerable groups must be understood within the larger context of their lives.

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Paulette Chandler: And we have to take those special characteristics into consideration to develop to deliver effective health care and then just thinking about the diseases that were present before CO that we know that

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Paulette Chandler: Caribbean blacks vs.

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Paulette Chandler: Latinx and Asians, they, if you look at the third generation of Caribbean blacks comfort compared to the third generation of Latinx they have a higher burden of psychiatric issues Asians low spurred diabetes.

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Paulette Chandler: You know we compare white first American Indian American is have a much higher rate and it continues to climb. And those are diabetes death rates.

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Paulette Chandler: More complications. And then when you think about how people are perceiving you. This was a study where they looked at

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Paulette Chandler: How white proceed blacks and the percent of whites agreeing that blacks are lazy 44%

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Paulette Chandler: Refer well they're 56% prone to violence 51% unintelligent 29%. So you see how when you interact with people that have these perceptions, it can be stressful because they you often experience micro aggressions

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Paulette Chandler: And then the percent of whites agreeing that groups.

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Paulette Chandler: You know prefer to live off welfare again they think 56% of blacks prefer to live off welfare, so it shapes their perspective when they're interviewing you for a job and they go, okay.

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Paulette Chandler: They may have those perceptions

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Paulette Chandler: And then of course we know how the red lining block blacks and others from moving into certain areas and how certain areas weren't safe. So you have to have the green book when you were driving around to identify places where

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Paulette Chandler: Where you would be treated in the next, you know, reasonably acceptable what

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Paulette Chandler: So, going on to code that we see that the social

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Paulette Chandler: Instructional factors were big

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Paulette Chandler: Impact on

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Paulette Chandler: The influence of our disproportionate rate of hospitalization, as well as death.

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Paulette Chandler: We had low blacks and others had low wage work low wage jobs which often don't provide health insurance paid sickly child care.

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Paulette Chandler: Absence of the option to work from home. And then there was residential segregation, you know, people of color, more likely to live in residential segregated settings with high housing density

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Paulette Chandler: And what we see over and over again with the Brigham and national data that housing density is a big factor, especially

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Paulette Chandler: In the lab next community as a risk factor for contract and CO that and then poor access to healthy foods predisposing to diabetes, hypertension, obesity.

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Paulette Chandler: And then the increased level of chronic stress. And so when you look at coronavirus cases per 10,000 you know what next, they have more cases but blacks have more more deaths and hospitalizations, of course, blacks are leading with hospitalizations and

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Paulette Chandler: And that's just, you know, showing that hospitalization distribution again and this pattern is seeing across the US, whether you will dead Massachusetts Louisiana DC Michigan same distribution.

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Paulette Chandler: The blacks are experiencing, you know, over twice the rate of deaths as whites.

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Paulette Chandler: And of course the Latin community is being hit hard to

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Paulette Chandler: And and document let Latino communities to work in rural industries farming poultry. We saw the big poultry outbreak in Iowa and other countries and other states.

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Paulette Chandler: And of course those individuals don't have health insurance and they were not provided pp. They were not provided personal protective equipment.

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Paulette Chandler: So change. What happens when change happens when people recognize why the changes needed. So what I've laid out is why the change is needed because

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Paulette Chandler: These disparities, they are costly. Everyone is influenced when one person gets sick, the whole system aches and we saw that as people have to think about

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Paulette Chandler: Expanding places for these sick people to be hospitalized and then we have to think about the potential of propose solutions and have a sense of shared urgency.

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Paulette Chandler: So what we need is just some thoughts about what we need. We need state or nation national lit campaigns, of course, as politics is always local and this is great, that this discussion is being

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Paulette Chandler: Had tonight to think about how do we mobilize now that we we have, you know, we're moving through this election period, but we still have these issues, these health care disparities, as well as the

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Paulette Chandler: pandemic of racism that we need to address. So we need to have those individual conversations organizational conversations

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Paulette Chandler: And we're seeing that happen in our community as well as our organizations, we need more resources because people are hurting this food insecurity housing instability and when a quarantine support.

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Paulette Chandler: As our kids are at home, parents are trying to juggle working as well as managing their classroom activities for responsibilities for their kids.

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Paulette Chandler: And of course we need research. This is a public health crisis and it merits of public health response, complete with research and propose solutions.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And I'm going to ask you to hold on to that and we're going to move and make sure that we have time for for breakout so so you you thank you for again reminding us of the work that we have to do in terms of

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Gloria White-Hammond: addressing the problem. Our

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Gloria White-Hammond: Efforts that we need to engage in locally and you you reference children and the importance of how we think in terms of children and and the outcomes and the S system, sister, Jerry, if you would.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Take up the mantle now and talk with us about public school education and what what are the concerns they are, how are we going to ensure that none of our kids are left behind.

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Jeri Robinson: Wonderful. Thank you and good evening, everyone.

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Jeri Robinson: I am a member of the Boston School Committee and I'm happy to be with you tonight because usually, this would be

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Jeri Robinson: A school committee meeting. So I really ever get to come to to Bible study. But we're having our meeting next week and I'll talk to you a little bit about some of the recent issues within

Boston, but

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Jeri Robinson: Critically when the pandemic hit and we immediately had to stop having in person school and have everyone learn from home. We knew that there was going to be a critical List of disparities that we're going to be met by our children.

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Jeri Robinson: Many of you know that there are approximately 54,000 children in the Boston Public Schools, the majority of those children are children of color and the majority of those children are poor children.

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Jeri Robinson: We are poor children. We have significant numbers of black and black and x

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Jeri Robinson: Children and a smaller portion of Asian children and we've heard a lot from our Asian

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Jeri Robinson: Families lately feeling that when we ever when we're always talking about children in need, we only talk about black and brown children. We are not including them, and particularly given some of the issues around a lot of the racial racist.

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Jeri Robinson: Issues that they were faced with at the beginning of the pandemic, we feel that it's very important that we recognize that

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Jeri Robinson: You know, all of our children of all colors, need to be included in what we are trying to do better. The children that we we fearful, the most that are being left behind and that we're trying to keep them being left behind our homeless our children who are in DSS care or under DSS watch

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Jeri Robinson: Children of single parents, children with two working parents away from home.

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Jeri Robinson: We have found that, you know, there are children who are at home, trying to learn while their parents are off.

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Jeri Robinson: You know, trying to check in with them from work during the early pandemic, there were children who are writing in the backs of parents cars, trying to do their homework because their parents were deliveries for Uber and other kinds of

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Jeri Robinson: Pieces so that you know every parent wants to take care of their children, but it was very inequitable in terms of parents abilities to do that.

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Jeri Robinson: When our children went home, they didn't all go home to wonderful homes that had Wi Fi and computers and opportunities for them to

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Jeri Robinson: Have a quiet learning environment where they had, you know, the headsets or other things that would allow them to really settle into learning

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Jeri Robinson: And so the district had to turn on a dime and very quickly try to mobilize to get into the hands of a number of our children devices.

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Jeri Robinson: The Boston Public Schools got ahold of over 50,000 devices new and used so that every child could individually have a Chromebook, as well as our younger children having iPads. But then, of course,

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Jeri Robinson: There was no Wi Fi for any number of our families. And so again, the district needed to work with the city of Boston

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Jeri Robinson: As well as Wi Fi providers to provide hotspots or to help families get Wi Fi and enough Wi Fi to give you know so that for three or four devices in one family could be utilized all at the same time.

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Jeri Robinson: And that was for the regular ed children, but then think about the number of special needs children that we have in critically needs children.

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Jeri Robinson: Who count on the one on one supports that they receive. We have a large number of deaf children who

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Jeri Robinson: cannot deal with the virtual learning. It was not working for them. It wasn't working for significant numbers of our special needs children.

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Jeri Robinson: And it still isn't working, as you know, at the beginning of the school year was all with everyone was virtual

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Jeri Robinson: And the first children that weren't coming back to school where our children with significant needs the children that I've just mentioned about approximately 2600 children.

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Jeri Robinson: Decided to come back for two days, which meant there was approximately 1300 kids those kids had less than two weeks of inputs in school and less than four days before schools had to shut down.

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Jeri Robinson: There was an agreement with the, the teachers union that when the city hit a certain number of percentage of covert that all schools would go remote

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Jeri Robinson: And as I'm sure you've seen in the paper. And you've

seen on TV. The protest, because we have families who are struggling

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Jeri Robinson: Because their children are losing ground and cannot learn at home, effectively, and we're counting on and we're grateful for those days coming back online.

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Jeri Robinson: But we are teachers have families and themselves and are critically worried about their own health and safety if we have to go back before March 3 when we had to shut down schools. Remember our schools weren't in great physical shape them.

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Jeri Robinson: You know the schools that we have in March to the schools that people try to come back into September art schools are old our windows, do not open

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Jeri Robinson: They were, they were less than adequate and the problem was there was no magic that could happen that was going to change all of these schools.

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Jeri Robinson: To make them perfect as we move forward. So that is one of those issues that we struggle with. And we struggled because of the racism that has continued to be in the city forever. And it's catching up with us now.

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Jeri Robinson: The pandemic has sort of ripped off the band aid of any number of inequities that have gone on within our district for 50 6070 years. And so now, everybody is aware of is aware of it.

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Jeri Robinson: You know, our homes, you know, we had to feed children, you know, children's district put together over a 30

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Jeri Robinson: To 40 sites where families could come and pick up food twice a week, three days of food at a time because many children count on getting, you know, one or two meals and a snack every day at

school. So you know it. Those children are not in school. They're, they're not being fed

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Jeri Robinson: Many children needed more social, emotional support and many of the social work programs were able to become much more mobile and and set up zoom meetings with families.

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Jeri Robinson: Parents became the willing or unwilling home teachers, many of them trying to juggle their own work as well as the needs of several different age children going to different schools, having different schedules.

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Jeri Robinson: And so you know now parents are trying to be teachers and trying to understand the education that their children need as well as trying to become you know tech support.

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Jeri Robinson: Many families. Never had used a computer, nevermind having to get on log on to zoom or any other number of platforms and help their children to learn

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Jeri Robinson: Children need better at home working spaces. Some of our children won't turn on their cameras because they are embarrassed about how other people see or view their homes.

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Jeri Robinson: And so think of think of the teacher who was sitting in front of a blank screen trying to teach you know so that you know trying to figure out how our children can be present.

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Jeri Robinson: So they're trying their best teachers are trying children and families are trying, but with all of the logistics involved. I think a big question we all have is what is the quality

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Jeri Robinson: Of what is being experienced, you know, our children learning. What are they learning, you know, are they falling behind.

What are they falling behind in what are they missing. So if I can ask them anything of you is to check on

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Jeri Robinson: Your family's the children in your greater networks. I know many of the Bethel families, you know, probably don't have the problems with the

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Jeri Robinson: The worldly goods they have the materials that they may need but you may have friends and neighbors who are really struggling and I think parents are struggling and people just need to check in with them to see how they are doing.

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Jeri Robinson: We need to ask our kids how they're doing. I've watched some zoom classes I see teachers, putting fourth grade efforts and I see children joyless

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Jeri Robinson: You know they've lost their joy. They're tired of zoomed out and we're right now we're at the sort of at the end of the very first marketing term. So it would be great to check in with kids.

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Jeri Robinson: To find out, is it working, you know, and to talk with teachers. I mean, if there was ever a time when there needed to be more parent teacher communication.

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Jeri Robinson: And partnership. This is it. Because parents need to know their children. They need to speak with their children and keep in touch with them. They don't need to do their children's work.

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Jeri Robinson: For them, they need to support them, but that but they but you know it really takes a lot of organization.

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Jeri Robinson: For both children and families to get up and get ready for school and to feel like to try to make it a new normal for what we have the head because to be honest, I don't think this is going to

change anytime soon.

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Jeri Robinson: We're going to be on virtual learning for quite a while. And so we've we've all got to work together to try to find out where kids are

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Jeri Robinson: Failing now or feeling lost in it and to try to figure out how many more of us can be

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Jeri Robinson: Of more support to individual families or even to talk with the teachers that are in our congregation to find out if any of them could use even, you know, an online tutor for a child in their class.

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Jeri Robinson: So that we can try to do as much as we can to keep kids on track and to provide the materials.

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Jeri Robinson: To make sure that at least they have you know the starting school tools that they're going to need, you know, as they move forward throughout the rest of this pandemic.

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Jeri Robinson: Another issue that we're facing in Boston is many of you know that we have exam schools, the exam schools have the pride and joy for some people, and in this district.

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Jeri Robinson: The exam schools forever have had fewer children of color, particularly black and brown children disproportionately smaller numbers than what exists within the district as a whole.

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Jeri Robinson: The opportunity and achievement gap Task Force, which I love, one of the co leads on raised an issue at the end of the last school year of saying, you know, with colleges and high, you know, not asking kids to take the SSH keys, etc. As part of their entry into college.

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Jeri Robinson: In a year, a pandemic. When we already knew of the disparities that families were facing

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Jeri Robinson: Why would we be asking our sixth grade students to take an exam that we know some we're not at all going to be ready for it because

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Jeri Robinson: Basically they hadn't had, you know, the regular supportive their classrooms, nevermind. Any additional tutoring and so we all felt that, wouldn't it be wonderful if the district could for this one year only.

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Jeri Robinson: Look at a different type of admissions policy for the students. And I'm sure if any of you have been watching the news of last week, or in the paper on this was an issue that exploded.

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Jeri Robinson: And you know, we saw racism yet again raise its ugly head within

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Jeri Robinson: The Boston Public Schools as a school committee member I received over 500 emails. Some in support, but many very angry emails from three neighborhoods, who are predominantly white neighborhood who who saw the seats of the exam schools as their birthright.

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Jeri Robinson: And we're angry that we would dare to look at a policy that might mean that some black or brown children.

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Jeri Robinson: Would take a seat that they felt they had not worked hard for or deserve their issues where they studied for a test. And so they have a right to a test that would allow them a seat in anything other than a test would mean somebody less deserving might have a chance

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Jeri Robinson: To get to see

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Jeri Robinson: These are 1011 year old kids who have been through some of the worst days, their lives in you would have thought that there would have been more compassion.

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Jeri Robinson: By the adults around them to say yes, let's try to work together to make sure that every child deserves a chance at an exam school seat.

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Jeri Robinson: Fortunately, the school committee chose to vote in support of the recommendation of the task forces superintendents task force.

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Jeri Robinson: To look at for one year, a change but critically, the kinds of conversations that came out of this made it necessary makes it necessary for us to want to continue to have this conversation.

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Jeri Robinson: These disparities are not one year long. They are forever. And this conversation about the exam, schools, it's one that's been going on in Boston for 30 4050 years

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Jeri Robinson: So that the pandemic has, as I said, rip the band aid off of many of the inequities in our district and as a city.

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Jeri Robinson: We have to work together for them. The schools cannot fix children's homes cannot make sure they always have the food they need

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Jeri Robinson: Our job is education and sometimes education gets lost, and trying to meet all of the rest of the human needs that our kids.

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Jeri Robinson: Have but we're hoping under the leadership of our new superintendent that we will continue.

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Jeri Robinson: To try to not turn away from these issues and to try to work more closely with parents and to have parents issues heard we hear a lot of the issues that parents are dealing with. And it's not pretty.

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Jeri Robinson: We know that people are struggling. We know that people are working hard, but the job sometimes is bigger than any of us, but it doesn't mean that we can turn away from it. We have to listen.

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Jeri Robinson: You know, and, and try to work harder to make things better, but said, you know, we're just at the tip of the iceberg and understanding

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Jeri Robinson: The deep disparities that, you know, continue to grow in our education system and trying to begin to figure out how to turn some of them.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Thank you so much again for pointing as to what needs to what some of our issues are here and and we will darkness of what happens with regard to this election.

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Gloria White-Hammond: These problems will persist and our work is to begin to address that I want to encourage if there are any families in Bethel, who, if you're if you're struggling and you really need some support in terms of

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Gloria White-Hammond: Teaching. Please be sure to let us know. We're very grateful to clear for the work that she's been spearheading in terms of

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Gloria White-Hammond: Working with Boston Public Schools, as you know, for the spring and the summer, we're providing meals.

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Gloria White-Hammond: But we have we have a job, Jerry is working with a group of teachers. Retired Teachers, we have a growing number of Retired Teachers

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Gloria White-Hammond: at Bethel, who really want to make themselves available to support you within your families, but also want to mobilize to see how we can support.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Children in Boston Public Schools will come back to that a little bit later. And one of the things I've been asked you to think about Jerry is a question that that pastor gray is asked about how parents even assess where their children are

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Gloria White-Hammond: Given what kind of tools can they have to make it that assessment. So, so thank you hold on to that one, make sure we get into some breakout and Pester Maruyama I know that you're here and you, you can

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Gloria White-Hammond: We can hear from you, and we will let you might want to explain why here, your, your, your picture isn't going to show

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Yeah i mean i can i can be on for a second. And unfortunately, on Monday, I had a canning accident and

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: That second degree burns in my face. So you can kind of see them.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And I'll, I'll stay on camera but I my, my eyes are still recovering. So I have some light sensitivity, but I can do it for a period of time and then I'll go back to being like a little darker.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: So,

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: You know, I think many of you may have heard in 2018 the big headline that came out towards the end of that year, is that we have 12 years to address climate change in a real way before we get to a point where

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Where the consequences are so big that they start playing off of each other. So the droughts, cause this to happen, cause that the chain reactions.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: After 2030 if we have not made significant progress progress. We are looking at chain reactions in our planetary system that may not be significantly reversible

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And the way that I heard it by by a scientist in the Obama administration is that when we look at the issue of climate change, we are making a choice between three things.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: We are choosing

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Mitigation which means doing what we have to do to stop more carbon from going into the atmosphere adaptation, which is where we recognize that things are shifting and we figure out how to change them and suffering.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Those are the three options and how much

we experience each of those different options is about how much

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: We get on the ball. So if we're if we're really focused on mitigation and we cut, cut. Climate

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Cut carbon our carbon footprint in a major way, then we'll have less to adapt to and will have less suffering, right, if we

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Adapt to what we're expecting and facing and the future again will have less suffering. But if we do nothing, there will be suffering there is suffering and the truth is that the suffering is disproportionately on the poor.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Disproportionately, particularly on people who live in island nations or people who live near the coast and most of our cities.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Are on the coast, because back in the day, you wanted to choose to be near body of water. And so that's where we put all of our cities is places that people could navigate to. And so now we have this legacy of the majority of our

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Industry and our cities and where people live being unfortunately in the most vulnerable places from a climate perspective.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And so

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: What's probably even more scary about that is, when you look at the models that they use in that report in

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: They had best case scenarios.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: worst case scenarios and probable case scenarios and increasingly the models are following more towards the worst case scenario than the

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Middle of the way scenario, which is what they use to make most of their predictions. So you

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Climate change is not something that's going to happen in the future climate change is happening right now.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And it's happening right now in the midst of this pandemic and there are deep connections between these things, for instance.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Because we are deforesting all around the world. We come into contact with animals that we wouldn't usually be in contact with they would live deep in the forest, we would not

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: When we come into contact with those animals we come into contact with their diseases. When you look at coven 19 and a series of other diseases.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: They appear to have come from bats, because you know bats are mammals and they fly and many things that affect them can affect us.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And so the decisions that we're making around not honoring our balance with the environment have devastating impacts.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: coven 19 potentially being one of them in the sense that this disease.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Appears to have hopped from an animal species to our species. And we probably would not have come in contact with those animal species. If we were not cutting down their homes where they live and coming into contact with them.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And some of you know we started a farm in New Hampshire we experienced the drought this season.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: So many of us probably heard on the, like, you know, on TV. Oh, there's a drought in New England, but most of us probably didn't notice it. Because when you turn on your faucet.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: You know, the water still came out. But as someone who was farming, it meant we were constantly driving

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: New Hampshire, to try to water plants because the rain wasn't coming and then we're now in a long line to get a

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: A Well, Doug, because many people who, in New Hampshire rely on what they call service wells, they read sort of replenish every year. Those have gone dry. If you don't have the money to pay for a much more expensive deep well

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: You're out there buying water on your own, because of the drought.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: I'm sure people have seen there are fires and Colorado fires in California for the first time they're predicting there actually won't be any end to the fire season.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: They by the time they may have this under control. The next fire season will have already started. And so we are looking at the first time for the potential of a two year fire season, assuming that next year's is not as bad as this year's and they can get it under control.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: We have had so many hurricanes that they have run out of names. So we've gone through all 26 letters in the alphabet. We are now in the Greek alphabet for naming storms and

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: They five names storms have hit Louisiana in the, in the last three months.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: People are like, I'm not even going to rebuild and let's just wait to the whole season is over and see if it's if it's worth it.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And they'll probably one of the hardest stories I get, you know, climate change, stories all the time is sort of the flooding that's happening in the Philippines because of sea level rise and rain. So they've had both of those happening at the same time, a story of a

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Woman who was pregnant, they you know they did all the plant planning that you would usually do. She had her bag packed ready to go to the

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: To the hospital and because of the flooding. They couldn't take the roads or husband got her to a boat. They got across the boat.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: The boat was crossing her baby back fell into the water. And so her husband jumped in the water to get it. Unfortunately, it caused her boat, the boat to capsize she drowned.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And they did an interview with him, which was just heartbreaking just like he couldn't even comprehend that he had lost his wife and child.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: So these are the real realities of climate change and it's no longer something we're trying to avoid it is here right now and we have to ask again.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: What balance. Are we going to hold between mitigation lowering the carbon footprint adaptation, getting ready and preparing for these things that happen and suffering and right now.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Particularly under this administration, we have chosen suffering. We have chosen to blatantly ignore what's going on, pretend like it's not happening. And because of that people are struggling so today we officially pulled out of the climate accord in Paris.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Obviously, President Trump did it before, but he had to wait a while we if this shifts and and and bite him does when he says he will join it again, but

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: It is worth noting that today. As of today, we are officially us and I think it's a Ron were the two countries in the whole world that are not part of the climate accord.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Oh, North Korea. North Korea is also not part. So those are our partners and not participating in this

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: The EPA, the Environmental Protection Agency of the United States, which was once you know one of the agencies that people look to has been so gutted at this point.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: They're not even allowed to talk about climate change on their website. I mean, there's, it's just, it's really the rollback of all sorts of regulations and again making that connection. One of the big studies that came out is the

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: A direct link between being close to a power plant, having respiratory disease and your likelihood of dying from coven

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: So communities that were close to power plants that have high levels of pollution have been disproportionately killed by coven because all of those folks started out with pre existing conditions that made it harder to to survive. So the big, the big pieces that a shift is required.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And I think to some extent the shift that we need. And I would say this is similar with racial justice is so

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: daunting for some people that they would just rather like pretend like it's not happening.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And the biggest excuse, we find is people say, well, we can't afford to make these changes.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: But my question is like how can we not afford to make sure that we have the ability to live on the planet. So the problem is not the planet surviving the planets going to be around. The question is whether or we are going to be able to survive on the planet. We have and

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: You know, so I think one of the exciting things and I will stop here because I really want us to be able to get to, to break out rooms, is that

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: We have an opportunity and many I'm working on this. And many of us are working on it is to ask the question, how can we address climate change.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And economic inequality. At the same time, how can we figure out a way to adapt and to move away from gas guzzling cars and you know polluting power plants at the same time providing jobs and uplifting those communities that have been struggling and so I've been part of a group

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: That has been working on local policy and national policy that says we could put millions of people back to work.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Put making up sea walls that will protect us from sea level rise, converting our power system to be much more driven by what I say is a

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: God given energy of sun and wind. We have a lot of opportunities to really figure out how we address this really quickly because we're now down to 10 years

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: In a way that actually stimulates the economy and specifically helps millions of people who are currently out of work because of the covert crisis. So

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: All is not lost. We have an opportunity, but the first thing we've got to do is acknowledge that there is a problem is we don't do that. And that has, you know, not acknowledging it has been the policy of the last four years.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: If we don't acknowledge it, then we don't start with any concrete plans to shift it

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: So with that, I will send

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Gloria White-Hammond: Thank you so much. Reverend Maria aganda they're a bunch of questions in

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Gloria White-Hammond: The

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Gloria White-Hammond: Butt, but I've met a whole down to those questions. We don't have much time. But we do want people to have time to move into breakout rooms.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And to just and to spend some time just kind of with what you've heard where our hope is from this is that people will everybody can't do everything we recognize that

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Gloria White-Hammond: And next week, we're going to talk about another set of issues for what is the one thing that you're called to do

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Gloria White-Hammond: And you don't have to guess that everything. But what's your post and we just want to make sure that you you stay by your post

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Gloria White-Hammond: And so that's in our breakout rooms. That's just take a moment to to reflect on what you've heard, and in particular to spend some time in prayer over with regard to these three issues so

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Ray Hammond: Capital as you introduce yourself. Also, can you share that one word that kind of encapsulates you're feeling in the midst of this election.

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Ray Hammond: As you introduce yourself as pastor, Gloria, said the, the one thing is you think about these issues you might be able to do a little local context and make a difference.

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Ray Hammond: And then let's have some time to pray with each other about this. What's going on the election, the difference. We're going to make in these issues as we go forward.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Pastor Hammonds, do you also want to join a room I have you in one, it'll be up to you.

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Gloria White-Hammond: I would like to join.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, it's 820, what is your timeline.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Five minutes.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh. Okay. Here we go.

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Let's go.

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Ray Hammond: hang out for a second.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, I have 10 rooms and so they're going to be probably four to five of you per room.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, here we go.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To Joe. Now, there you go. All right, Reverend
Reverend grey driven, Sabrina.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Reverend Sabrina.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Hello, Reverend Sabrina.

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Ray Hammond: So social unrest.

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Ray Hammond: The next two months, I can assure you will be interesting
to say the least.

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Ray Hammond: We need a lot of prayer through this season so please add
that to your list your, your, your prayer efforts will be richly
rewarded.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And we have a number of opportunities for
prayer. Please, can you just give a round of applause to our in our
discussions, Reverend Mariana Dr. Paulette, and sister Jerry Robinson.
Thank you for your insight and your wisdom.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Jamie or Mari with either view like to close us
out.

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Jamie | she/hers: Up to you with my mom. Okay.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Oh god we come before you, first of all,
just remembering that in the midst of every single crazy thing that's
happening. You are sustaining us you are with us. You wake us up each
morning

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: You give us what we need to get through the day. And so, in the midst of our challenges. We don't want to forget that you are present yes to God, you are holding us

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And that when we reach the point of overwhelm God that we can turn to that we do not have to try to do everything ourselves because we are basically not capable of it. And so we thank you that we can call on you that you are God who is

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Present and who is tough enough to take even our deep disappointment and overwhelm and pain and anxiety. So we cast our cares on you today. God, but we also know that you call us.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: To act that you call us to do the work of justice that you call us to commit the time both to prayer on our knees and prayer with our feet.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: And so we just pray that you would lead and guide us so that you would, we would know what you're calling us to do. And God, yes.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: That we need your direction to understand how do we

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Heal and build bridges and a nation so divided God. We know that this level of division is actually not safe. It is not the kind of conditions that allow us to do.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Good work. It is the kind of condition that just creates turmoil intention and so God we pray that you would help us to know, particularly as people of faith. What can we do to begin

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Lowering the level of rhetoric and tension and conflict to get to a place where we can really hear each other, we can really work together, we can find ways to come together around the major issues that face us, we pray that you would help us that we would be open.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: Not to just being glad that we call quote unquote beat the other side, but that we would see folks with different perspectives and different opinions as also children of God about you.

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Sabrina Gray: DESTROY, DESTROY

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: God help us to understand how we can be the family of God, even with these radical differences of perspective and opinion that we trust that if we're serious about doing that work, you will actually create myriad opportunity for us to walk into that.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: healing and restoration work. Yes, God, yes.

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Rev. Mariama White-Hammond: So we pray your guidance your direction because we cannot all do everything, but every one of us can do some to pray that you would help us to discern what is ours to do then that we would be obedient and do it.

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Yes Jesus name we pray.

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Sabrina Gray: Amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Amen. Amen.

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Camie Browne: Man Have a good night.

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Everyone

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Sabrina Gray: Thank you. Thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Good night.

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Jonell Johnson: come to church on Sunday.

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Marie Doubleday: Love you.