Examples of Privilege

Examples of white privilege that you may never have considered:
• When a Caucasian person cuts their finger and goes to the school or office's first aid kit, the flesh-colored band-aid generally matches their skin tone.
• When a Caucasian person stays in a hotel, the complimentary shampoo generally works with the texture of their hair.
• When a Caucasian person runs to the store to buy pantyhose at the last minute, the 'nude' color generally appears nude on their legs.
• When a Caucasian person buys hair care products in a grocery store or drug store, the shampoos and conditioners are in the aisle and section labeled 'hair care' and not in a separate section for 'ethnic products.'

Examples of gender privilege you may never have considered:
• Common vocabulary favors the male gender as the default, with language like "mankind" and references to God as "He" and "the Father".
• Clothes designed for men have pockets that can actually be used – clothes meant for women are often focused on being "slimming," so purely decorative pockets are common.
• Men are praised for ordinary parental duties or for being a single father, while mothers are simply expected to do the same and even criticized for single motherhood.
• Men are less likely to be the target of street harassment. Most women have experienced street harassment in their lives.

Examples of middle to upper class privilege you may never have considered:
• Upper class citizens can walk around their neighborhood at night without legitimate concern for their safety.
• Upper class citizen's eyesight, smile, and general health aren't inhibited by their income.
• As a kid, upper class citizens were able to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities (field trips, clubs, etc.) with school friends.
• Growing up, college was an expectation of upper class citizens (whether they chose to go or not), it was not a lofty dream.

Tentative 2017 Assembly Schedule

Thursday, October 19th

10 a.m. Delegate Registration
10:30 a.m. Delegate Session I
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker
1:45 p.m. Workshops I
3 p.m. Break
4:30 p.m. Workshops II
5:45 p.m. Banquet
7 p.m. Worship

Friday, October 20th

8:45 a.m. Delegate Session II
9:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker
11:15 a.m. Group Activity
12:30 p.m. Closing Benediction

If You Are A Delegate

As a delegate of your communion to the Kentucky Council of Churches, your primary responsibilities will include:
• Represent your denomination/judicatory at the annual meeting of the Assembly, voting on the action items presented in the business session.
• Interpret to your local church or groups within it, what KCC is and what this ecumenical ministry works to accomplish.
• Report to the appropriate group or body within your church on the work of the Council presented and finalized during the Annual Assembly.
• Consider service on one of the Commissions or Program Units of the Council.
• Work to assure that your communion/denomination KCC in its budget for at least the “fair share” amount.

Examples of race privilege you may never have considered:
• When the number of people with darker skin in an area is less than 20%, a private school may advertise itself as a "racially diverse school."
• Darker-skinned people are sometimes perceived as being more "exotic" or "exotically intelligent."
Keynote Speakers

The Rev. Dr. Miguel De La Torre is a Professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. He has served as the elected 2012 President of the Society of Christian Ethics and currently serves as the Executive Officer for the Society of Race, Ethnicity and Religion. Dr. De La Torre is a recognized international Fulbright scholar who has taught at the Cuernavaca Center for Intercultural Dialogue on Development (Mexico), Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (Yogyakarta), University of Johannesburg (South Africa), and Johannes Gutenberg University (Germany).

Mr. Jack Jezreel is the founder of JustFaith Ministries, a non-profit organization that forms, informs, and transforms people of faith by offering programs and resources that sustain them in their compassionate commitment to build a more just and peaceful world. He has more than 25 years of experience working in social ministry and has spent eight of those years developing the justice formation program, JustFaith Ministries.

Workshops

Members of Kentucky Council of Churches’ Creation Care committee will discuss “Environmental Privilege.”

Dr. Charisse Gillette, president of Lexington Theological Seminary, will lead the workshop “Working to Remove Systemic Privilege.”

A workshop discussing our 2018 theme “A House Divided” will be led by representatives from the Kentucky Rural-Urban Exchange. They will share some of the divides they witness in our society today and ways to work to bridge those divides.

Dr. Emily Askew, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at Lexington Theological Seminary, will discuss “Immigration Privilege.”

“The Effects of Economic Privilege on Health” will be led by Tom Walton, retired director of Population Health at KentuckyOne Health.

Worship Preacher

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