

Mission u 2021

Social Issue Study: "PUSHOUT"

Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

**United Methodist Women in partnership
with the CA-NV Conference UMC**

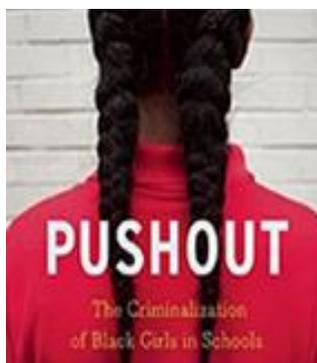
Registration Flyer



Mission u offers opportunities for the whole church to learn together for the transformation of the world. We study relevant issues so we can respond faithfully to God's call to mission. Like many activities in our lives, Mission u will be online.

While virtual, we are still creating spaces for spiritual community, lifelong friendships, lessons that change us and our communities, and spiritual practices that arrive when we need them most. During this transitional time when so much seems to be unraveling, God's grace is still unfolding, and life is being made new.

Will you join us? We are currently offering a weekly study and weekend transformative learning events. Watch for more information on other studies on the UMW website.



The very first study planned for this year is PUSHOUT: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

The study leaders:

Jo Ann Lawson, National UMW Racial Justice Charter Support team, representing the Western Jurisdiction.

Lynette Jung Lee, Charter for Racial Justice committee member

Study Opportunity #1:

Weekly study from 10-Noon for 4 Wednesdays, May 26, June 2,9,16

Study Opportunity #2:

4 sessions from 2-4 pm over 2 weekends on July 31 & Aug 1; Aug 7 & 8

Despite increased attention to the mass and over-incarceration of black men, the plight of criminalized black women and girls is overlooked, underreported and under analyzed. Monique W. Morris' Pushout along with the UMW study guide will raise awareness of this crisis and the dynamics of racism which undergirds this and other realities impacting communities of color.

This study calls for critical examination of self and systems, mission engagement, advocacy and action by the community of faith. This study is held twice.

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In preparation for the study, we highly recommend you read the **book "Pushout" by Monique Morris**. You may find it at your library or your local independent bookstore may have it or be able to order it. It can be purchased online at Amazon : <https://www.amazon.com/Pushout-Criminalization-Black-Girls-Schools/dp/1620970945>

In addition, for those who might want to learn some of the key content in a different format, please consider screening the **documentary movie "Pushout"**, (often available at libraries) which was released in 2019.

Understanding Intersectionality: You might notice that intersectionality provides the key frame for Pushout. Watch this short video from Kimberle Crenshaw, "The Urgency of Intersectionality" to better understand the meaning of this important but often misunderstood lens.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akOe5-UsQ2o>

Reading Program book "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas is available at the library or bookstore.

From the United Methodist Book of Discipline

"We recognize racism as sin and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons. We rejoice in the gifts that particular ethnic histories and cultures bring to our total life. We commend and encourage the self-awareness of all racial and ethnic groups and oppressed people that leads them to demand their just and equal rights as members of society." (Social Principles, ¶ 162 B)

Our Values

Racial justice is an ongoing focus of United Methodist Women mission work. We conduct regular racial justice workshops with members, and work in coalition with human and civil rights groups to track hate-crimes and to promote racial justice in the United States and the world.

United Methodist Women's Charter for Racial Justice was created and adopted by the Women's Division in 1978 and successfully adopted by the whole denomination in 1980. General Conference has consecutively readopted it, every eight years since, most recently in 2008. The Charter continues our urgent call for study and action on the principles and goals of its vision.

