

Chalice Circle Preparation

Multiculturalism

Quotes

People who are aware of, and ashamed of, their prejudices are well on the road to eliminating them.

Indians think it is important to remember, while Americans believe it is important to forget.

– Gordon Allport

The poverty of our century is unlike that of any other. It is not, as poverty was before, the result of natural scarcity, but of a set of priorities imposed upon the rest of the world by the rich.

Consequently, the modern poor are not pitied but written off as trash. The twentieth-century consumer economy has produced the first culture for which a beggar is a reminder of nothing.

– John Berger

The existence of any pure race with special endowments is a myth, as is the belief that there are races all of whose members are foredoomed to eternal inferiority.

– Franz Boas

We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.

The test of a government is not how popular it is with the powerful and privileged few but how honestly and fairly it deals with the many who must depend on it.

– Jimmy Carter

Questions

How does your cultural background affect your life today?

How does your ethnicity come into play when it comes to your sense of belonging and inclusion here in our congregation?

Have you ever been a target of social injustice?

What experiences have you had in a multi-cultural circumstance that prompted a desire for more social justice?