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ALBRIGHT-DEERING EVENT WITH STEVE TUELL AND CHENDA INNIS LEE

DATE

Nov. 3, 2021, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ET

OVERVIEW

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Join us for a day of presentation, reflection, and conversation with the Rev. Dr. Steve Tuell, James A. Kelso Professor Emeritus of Hebrew and Old Testament. He will be joined by the Rev. Chenda Innis Lee of the Virginia Conference for a conversation that bridges pulpit and pew and explores the ways in which our shared sacred texts can unite rather than divide.

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PRESENTERS

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Chenda Innis Lee was born and baptized into the Christian faith in a small United Methodist Church in rural Liberia, West Africa. She hails from a family of preachers—both men and women—so believes her path to the vocation of pastoral ministry was inevitable, despite her many years of resistance. In God's time, she was led to the Virginia Annual Conference and served churches in the Northern Virginia region for more than 10 years prior to her recent move to Pittsburgh. She attended Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., where she met her husband, the Rev. Asa Lee, president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The Lees have four children, all daughters.

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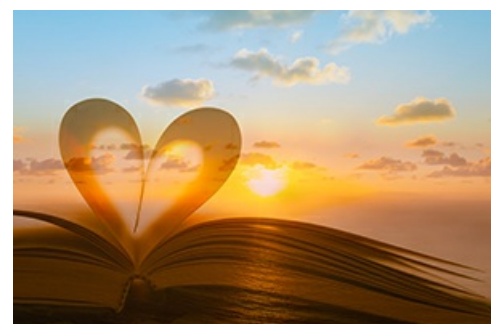


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