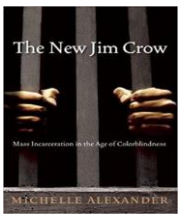
Plymouth Racial Justice Ministry Events

May 13, 2018 **Mothers Day 'Bail Out' Event: Discussion & Rose Sale**

A presentation by Peter Goldberg, Executive Director of the Brooklyn Community Bail Fund on how current bail practices negatively effect our community, including mothers, and what we can do to help. During Coffee Hour, the Racial Justice Ministry sold Mother's Day roses, with proceeds donated to the Bail Fund.

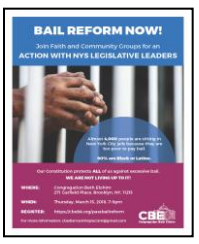
Mar. 22, 2018 **Book Discussion: The New Jim Crow**

Michelle Alexander's book traces how the mass incarceration of the War on Drugs continues to leave millions of black men in a permanent state of social and economic exclusion. Led by Abigail Regier.



Mar. 15, 2018 **Bail Reform Now!**

A Community Forum on proposals to reform bail practices in New York State. We heard from legal experts, faith leaders, elected officials, and formerly incarcerated individuals about why NY laws much change in order to achieve justice in our criminal legal system. Plymouth co-sponsored, as part of an Interfaith Coalition on Justice Reform.



Feb. 27, 2018 **Looking at the Whole: Field Theory, Oppression & You**

A discussion, led by Carl Hodges, using field theory to gain a broader understanding of race and oppression.

Jan. 21, 2018 **Talking with Children About Race: Workshop for Parents**

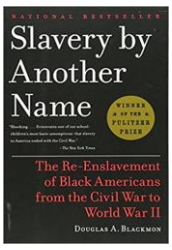
What is racism? How does it differ from prejudice? How does it play out in institutional, interpersonal, and internalized forms? How can parents interrupt the transmission of racist ideas their children may receive? These are questions discussed by 36 Plymouth folks in a workshop organized by the Racial Justice Ministry and led by professional training group Border Crossers.

Nov. 20, 2017 **Public Meeting with Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez**

A chance to hear how the recently elected DA will address policies that have a disparate impact on communities of color. Brooklyn faith groups and community groups met with the DA at Congregation Beth Elohim and asked him to reconsider some of his office's practices (bail requirements, prosecution of minor crimes, age limits for treatment as adults) to address important issues of racial justice.

Nov. 15, 2017 **Book Discussion: Slavery by Another Name**

Douglas Blackmon's book follows the life of Green Cottonham, a black youth born in the 1880's, and incidentally redefines the meaning of slavery and its sweep and duration into the 1930's. Discussion led by Carl Hodges.



Oct. 8, 2017 **Plymouth at Work / Faith Ed Class: Racial Justice Ministry**

If you're like us, you might have begun to hope over the past decade that American racism was fading into history. Sadly, news reports tell a different story: racism is still deeply ingrained in our society. Plymouth's RJ Ministry was recently formed to help members understand this issue more clearly and explore what we can do about it. Through a "gallery walk" of provocative quotes and images, followed by small group discussions, this session began to examine how we see race, how racism affects us and how these issues connect to our faith.