

# Community Groups

*Community Groups are open to anyone who has interest in any of the following communities. Some communities meet throughout the year, while others are newly forming. Check out the list of communities that will be gathering this year at our virtual gathering and join any meetings that sound interesting to you! Access to each Zoom meeting room is listed below the community group description.*

**Friday, April 23, 2p EDT**

## **Sankofa**

**Hosted by Michael-Ray Mathews**

A community of Black/African-descendent leaders within the Alliance of Baptists committed to creating community, cultivating spiritual/leadership formation, and conjuring prophetic action to support the mission and vision of the Alliance of Baptists.

[Access this community group Zoom meeting here.](#)

## **ACPE Alliance of Baptist Educators**

**Hosted by Amy Canosa**

This community exists to provide ACPE educators, spiritual care professionals, and psychotherapists who are endorsed/and or affiliated with the Alliance of Baptist an opportunity to connect, share best practices, and network with one another.

[Access this community group Zoom meeting here.](#)

## **Cuba Community Group**

**Hosted by Stan Dotson**

Given the Alliance's commitment to its partnership with the Fraternity of Baptists in Cuba and to improving US policy toward Cuba, this community serves to promote and support the

establishment of more partnerships between the churches of both countries. The community serves to inform the wider Alliance community about US policy issues affecting Cuba, its people, and US citizens, encouraging active participation when appropriate.

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### **Community on Homelessness**

#### **Hosted by Mary Bradley**

The Community on Homelessness seeks to provide support and resources to those in the Alliance that encounter, work with, or have a passion for the homeless in our neighborhoods. We promote health, hope, and dignity for the homeless and under-served with whom we engage.

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### **Seminario Intercultural Mayanese (SIM) Partnership**

#### **Hosted by Colin Holtz, Allen Jones, and Eugenia Reyes**

The Mayan Intercultural Seminary is a non-denominational theological school that seeks to prepare pastoral leaders to respond to the context in which they live and service. SIM is committed to nurturing peace through nonviolence means, bridging cultural divides, and expanding values of the household of God including equity, justice, inclusivity, dialogue, human integrity, reciprocity and a sense of vocation. This community group seeks to continue to build strong partnerships with SIM.

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### **Racial Justice and Multiculturalism (RJM)**

#### **Hosted by Tammerie Day**

Mindful of the reality that we live in a racialized society and that our institutions often reflect this racialization, the Alliance of Baptists has made historic commitments to promote racial reconciliation, diversity and multiculturalism. This commitment requires the

ongoing leadership of the members and staff of the Alliance. RJM cultivates leaders and shepherds the work of building a multicultural organization committed to racial justice and reconciliation in our congregations, ministries and the broader society.

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### **Justice in Palestine and Israel Community (JPI)**

#### **Hosted by Allison Tanner**

JPI works for justice in Palestine and Israel by raising awareness about the current situation there, sponsoring trips/pilgrimages to the Holy Land, networking with other like-minded faith-based groups, and advocating the pursuit of justice with elected policy makers.

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### **Clergy Affiliate Information & Resource Network (CAIRN)**

#### **Hosted by Mimi Walker**

CAIRN is a network of Alliance-affiliated clergy who believe that together, in a Spirit-led community, we have everything we need to become and remain healthy, resilient, and prophetic leaders. Throughout the year CAIRN hosts a variety of events and opportunities for clergy to engage and gather with others who are engaged in this unique calling. All clergy are invited to join this community gathering.

[Access this community group Zoom meeting here.](#)