



# Alliance of Baptists

## **TAKING ON THE CROSS: [RE]LEARNING THE LOVE OF GOD**

**Annual Gathering  
April 24-26, 2020**

**PLUS:  
Theological Retreat on Atonement  
April 23, 2020**

**Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas**

*For a thousand years western Christianity has seen the cross through the lens of substitutionary atonement—that Jesus died in our place and reconciled sinful humanity to God. Many find this deeply meaningful. Many find it deeply troubling.*

*After a thousand years, isn't it time to re-examine this theology? Come join a conversation at this year's Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering, where we will "Take on the Cross" in order that together we may reimagine, or relearn, the Love of God.*

*Join us for a dialogue with Alliance panelists who are reimaging atonement in their ministries. Engage in workshops designed for those now exploring atonement ideas and for those who have already moved beyond substitutionary atonement. Worship in ways that will touch both heart and head.*

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

The Alliance of Baptists is pleased to welcome Rita Nakashima Brock and Eboni Marshall-Turman to the 2020 Annual Gathering. These pioneering theologians will lead the Gathering into a conversation about atonement theology. On Friday, April 24th, Dr. Brock will offer a lecture on atonement, to which Dr. Marshall-Turman will offer a response. The next day the roles will be reversed, and on both occasions a Q & A period will follow. In addition, Dr. Brock will offer an opening lecture at the Theological Retreat on Thursday, and Dr. Marshall-Turman will preach at Sunday morning worship.



**Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock** is the Director of the Shay Moral Injury Center at Volunteers of America and the former Director of the Soul Repair Center at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University. A Disciples of Christ minister, Dr. Brock's deeply personal *Proverbs of Ashes: Violence, Redemptive Suffering, and the Search for What Saves Us* (co-authored with Rebecca Parker) expressed an incisive feminist critique of Christian theories of atonement. She followed it up in 2008 with *Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire* (also with Rebecca Parker), where her research charted the Church's shift from resurrection paradise to crucified atonement.



**Dr. Eboni Marshall Turman** is an Assistant Professor of Theology and African American Religion at Yale Divinity School and formerly taught theological ethics, Black Church studies, and African & African American studies at Duke Divinity School. Her book, *Toward a Womanist Ethic of Incarnation: Black Bodies, the Black Church, and the Council of Chalcedon*, connects the incarnational experience of Jesus to the oppressed experience of African-Americans, which will enrich our conversation about atonement and the cross. A National Baptist minister, Dr. Marshall Turman was ordained at the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem.

[Registration is now open.](#) *Make plans to join us!*