



BLACK THEOLOGY FORUM

Thursday 26th January 2017



Author of
*Black Language Style
in Sacred and Secular
Contexts
and more...*

Rev. Dr. Carol Tomlin

**'Kumbaya My Lord [Come by Here, My Lord]:
The Silent Discourses of Racism in the 21st Century Church'**

Rev Dr Carol Tomlin will explore discourses of racism within sacred spaces by drawing attention to the wider historical and political dimensions of 'race' as a social construct. The church's 'silent' collusion, yet denial of systemic racism affecting people of colour within the ecclesia will be examined. She will contend that these dialectic tensions are antithetical to the gospel message. Further, remaining silent on 'race' is an illusion of harmony between different Christian groups, which inadvertently serves to oppress all people and is counter to the liberating supremacy of the cross.

THE QUEEN'S
FOUNDATION
SOMERSET ROAD
BIRMINGHAM
B15 2QH

7.00pm
Arrival & Refreshments
(Dining Room)
7.30pm
The Forum
(Wakefield Room)

FREE EVENT!
Please register in
advance

This is a monthly gathering. Please invite other Black and Asian friends who may have an interest in the general thrust of the forum. For catering purposes please advise of your attendance in advance. Please email Gail Harris: harrisg@queens.ac.uk. Accommodation is on offer subject to availability, please email hospitality@queens.ac.uk. For more information about the Black Theology Forum, Black Ministries and Leadership at Queen's, please contact Dr Dulcie Dixon McKenzie: email d.mckenzie@queens.ac.uk

Rev Dr Carol Tomlin

Dr Tomlin is an award-winning educator and ordained minister. She has a long and distinguished academic career, teaching in universities both nationally and internationally. She was Education Studies Course Tutor at the University of Wolverhampton and had been appointed as a part time on-line tutor at Oxford University, Department of Continuing Education. In addition, she was a visiting tutor at The Queen's Foundation, drawing on several years experience of pastoral ministry as the Senior Pastor of Restoration Fellowship Ministries. Dr Tomlin has also worked as a Healthcare Chaplain, registered with the UK Board of Healthcare Chaplains. She is one of the leading experts on the art of preaching.

As a published author, some of Dr Tomlin's key academic texts include *Black Language Style in Sacred and Secular Contexts* (1999) and co-authored books with Dr Paul Mocombe: *Language, Literacy and Pedagogy* (2013); *Race and Class Distinction in Black Communities* (2014) and *Jesus and the Streets* (2015). She also reviewed the 6th edition of the best-selling book *Doing Your Research Project* (2014) by Judith Bell with Stephen Waters. Dr Tomlin is a firm believer in the transformative power of Jesus Christ.

Black Theology Forum at Queen's Foundation

Chair and Convener: Dr Dulcie Dixon McKenzie

The Black Theology Forum (BTF) aims to be educational for church and community, offering a space for the exploration of Black and Asian liberation theologies through critical conversations on a wide range of topics. It is a monthly gathering that merges scholarship with transformative practice, and anyone who identifies as Black and Asian are welcome to attend. Admission is free and refreshments are available. For planning and catering purposes please register in advance. For more details, please contact Dr McKenzie at Queen's Foundation: d.mckenzie@queens.ac.uk