

Special Adult Education Series

CrossRoads: Where Community and Church Meet

Living Saviour Lutheran Church will present a very special Adult Education Program from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on January 8, 15, 22 and 29 entitled "CrossRoads: Where Community and Church Meet." Four distinguished speakers from the Charlotte community have agreed to address some of the key issues facing people of faith in our city today. The schedule is as follows:

- January 8: The Honorable Richard Vinroot, Mayor of Charlotte
- January 15: Frye Gaillard, author and a former editor of the Charlotte Observer
- January 22: Bet Levine, Director of the Tom Ray Center
- January 29: Dianne English, Executive Director, Mecklenburg Ministries

Members of Living Saviour, guests, and all interested members of the community are invited to join us for a discussion of the role of the Church in the city. We hope to stir thought on such key issues as: What happens when Church and City intersect? Where might people of faith better serve the city? What "pressure points" will arise out of the continued vigorous growth that Charlotte is experiencing? Are there areas that might require greater tolerance, understanding, or hospitality from people of faith?

The first speaker in our series is well known to most of us as Mayor Vinroot. But did you know that Charlotte native, Richard Vinroot, is a former senior high Sunday School teacher at Myers Park Presbyterian Church? In addition, Mayor Vinroot served his Church as a Ruling Elder from 1970-76 and again from 1978-84. He is truly qualified to bring special insights into the challenges and opportunities facing the Church and the greater Charlotte community.

Frey Gaillard is the author of nine works, including *The Dream Long Deferred*, an award-winning account of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school desegregation controversy, *Southern Voices*; *The Unfinished Presidency: Essays on Jimmy Carter*; and his latest, *Lessons from the Big House: One Family's Passage Through the History of the South*. He is a former editor of the Charlotte Observer and is sure to offer unique insights into the challenges of people of faith.

As directors of special community programs, Bet Levine and Dianne English offer highly qualified perspectives and insights on our community, the role of the Church, and the opportunities that people of faith have to minister to those in need.

Please take advantage of the special series of lectures to invite friends, neighbors, co-workers and anyone else who might have an interest in attending. We hope that every member of Living Saviour will mark their calendar and make plans to attend.

“CrossRoads: Where Do We Go From Here?”

The Congregation of Living Saviour Lutheran has been blessed with the opportunity to hear four leaders in the Charlotte community discuss a variety of topics on the theme “CrossRoads: Where Community and Church Meet.” We would like to thank our guest speakers: Mayor Richard Vinroot; former Charlotte Observer editor and award-winning author Frye Gaillard; Bet Levine, Acting Director of the Tom Ray Center; and Mecklenburg Ministries Director Dianne English. Our thanks also to all of the members and guests who attended these four informative sessions.

During the four-week program, we’ve heard about a number of opportunities for people of faith to serve the community. The question now is “Where do we go from here?” We need your advice and input! Please take a minute to give us your impressions about this special program and your thoughts about where we should go from here:

Q. Which of our speakers did you find most interesting/informative? Why? What stands out in your mind about their presentations?

Q. What opportunities for people of faith to serve the community have you learned about that you think we, the congregation of LSLC, should follow up on? How?

Q. Are there any areas that you’ve heard discussed that are of a particular interest to you – areas where you might personally like to volunteer to serve your faith and the community?

Q. Are there any other speakers you would like to hear from, or any other topics that you would like to suggest for future programs?