

February Reflections

One small step for African Americans...
One giant leap for all people toward beloved community.

When I was growing up as a privileged, white boy in the South, many people probably assumed that a man would walk on the moon before a black man would walk into the White House as President of the United States. Neither was likely or possible, and if a man was to walk on the moon it would surely be the more significant event in the history of Mankind. We were correct about timing but not necessarily about historic significance. [Click here to read more.](#)

Newsletter

Give to every human being every right that you claim for yourself.
Robert Ingersoll

To submit events, email all pertinent information to info@healfoundation.org. To be in the monthly newsletter, all events must be submitted by the first day of the month. All other events will be added to [the online community calendar](#) as they are received.

Registration is now open for the White Privilege Conference

The White Privilege Conference

Taking Responsibility: Awareness, Healing, and Social Change

April 1-4

Hilton Memphis

The annual White Privilege Conference (WPC) serves as a yearly opportunity to examine and explore difficult issues related to white privilege, white supremacy and oppression. WPC provides a forum for critical discussions about diversity, multicultural education and leadership, social justice, race/racism, sexual orientation, gender relations, religion and other systems of privilege/oppression. WPC is recognized as a challenging, empowering and educational experience. The workshops, keynotes and institutes not only inform participants, but engage and challenge them, while providing practical tips and strategies for combating inequality. For more information on the White Privilege Conference, visit [their website](#).

The Trinity Institute Presents Racial Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability

February 6-7

St. John's United Methodist Church, 1207 Peabody Ave.

This Memphis partner site will rebroadcast the [New York conference](#) with local theological reflection groups. The fee is \$25.00 (to cover meals.) Join us for this challenging presentation and be a part of this discussion. For more information, visit [Grace-St. Luke's website](#) or call 901.320.7005.

Eco Expo

February 8

11am-3pm

[Temple Israel](#)

At this Eco Expo in celebration of Tu B'Shevat, view art projects made from recycled material by Religious School and ELC Pre School students, visit more than 40 eco-friendly exhibits, submit nominations for the "I Saved the Planet!" Award, enjoy a healthy lunch (including traditional Tu B'Shevat fruits), and watch Eco movies. The Eco Expo is free to the public. For more information or to volunteer for the event, email timemphisecoexpo@msn.com or call 901.482.6473.

Barbara A. Holmes Lectures in African American Studies Presents Dr. Cornel West

February 12

7pm

Lake Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 265 Leath St.

Cornel West, a scholar, philosopher, critic, pastor and civil rights activist, is a professor at Princeton University where he teaches in the Center for African American Studies and the Department of Religion. West's work focuses on the role of race, gender and class in American society, drawing on his contribution to the post-1960s civil rights movement and his political and moral insights.

Don't miss this stimulating, in-depth discussion related to Black History Month. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Cathy Boatright at 901.334.5841 or cboatright@memphisseminary.edu.

Facing History and Ourselves Teach In

February 19

7-9pm

Christian Brothers University, Buckman Hall

Student leadership group members from White Station, Ridgeway, and Wooddale high schools will facilitate interactive sessions that explore Facing History resources. This teach-in will give parents and community participants a snapshot of what students experience in their Facing History classes. A reception will follow the event. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Michele Phillips at 901.452.1776, x228 or michele_phillips@facing.org.

Volunteer Expo

February 26

4-7pm

Oak Court Mall, 4465 Poplar Ave.

Learn about unique opportunities and other ways to make a difference in our community. Visit with representatives from more than 100 nonprofit organizations and find the perfect fit for you or your group. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ann Dotson of [Volunteer Midsouth](#) at 901.523.2425, x200 or MPACT Memphis at 901.528.8340.

“Good Friday” Youth Open Mic Poetry Night

February 27

6pm

Caritas Village, 2509 Harvard Ave.

The last Friday of each month, Caritas Village hosts a positive youth poetry and rap night for kids and teens.