

# TRINITY INSTITUTE® 44TH NATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

CREATING COMMON GOOD / A practical conference on economic equality

## Schedule: central

### Thursday, January 22:

6:00 – 8pm      Opening Worship  
Preacher: **Justin Welby**, Archbishop of Canterbury  
Keynote Address: **Cornel West** (*The Rich and the Rest of Us*)

### Friday, January 23:

7:00 am      Registration Opens

8am          Musical Gathering & Morning Prayer in Trinity– **Melanie DeMore**, Vocal Activist

8:30am      **“Is Inequality Sinful?”**  
Begin with the theological context. No system is perfectly equal, so when does inequality become exploitation and sin? What does our status quo say about moral priorities and uses of power?  
  
Opening talk (20 minutes): **The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury**  
  
Panel and Q&A: **The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray** (Bp. of Panama), **Rachel Held Evans** (*Faith Unraveled: How a Girl Who Knew All the Answers Learned to Ask Questions*), **Jennifer Jones Austin** (Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies), **R.R. Reno** (*First Things*)

10:00am      Break

10:30am      Groups

11:45pm      Lunch

1pm          **Class Matters**  
Some argue that American society is developing a class divide more extreme than any we have ever known, putting any shared vision of the common good out of reach. Issues include immigration, poverty, gender, mobility.  
  
Opening talk (20 minutes): **Barbara Ehrenreich** (*Nickel and Dimed; This Land Is Their Land*)  
  
Panel: **R. R. Reno** (*First Things*), **The Rev. Yamily Bass-Choate** (Iglesia Memorial de San Andres), **Traci C. West** (*Disruptive Christian Ethics: When Racism and Women’s Lives Matter*), others TBA

2:30pm      Break

3–4:15pm      Groups

6pm          Film Screening—*Inequality for All*

7:30pm      Skype Q&A: **Robert Reich** (*Aftershock: The Next Economy and America’s Future*), immediately following the film screening at Trinity Church.

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**Saturday, January 24:**

- 8am Musical Gathering & Morning Prayer in Trinity– **Melanie DeMore**, Vocal Activist
- 8:30am ***“What Can We Do about Economic Inequality?”***  
The economic shape of today’s society did not come about not by accident but by engineering. What tools are available to reverse the trend in ways that support equity and human flourishing? Policy, advocacy, art, education...revolution?  
  
Opening talk (20 minutes): **Juliet Schor** (*Plenitude: The New Economics of True Wealth*)  
  
Panel and Q&A: **Nicole Baker Fulgham** (Expectations Project), **Saskia Sassen** (Columbia University), others TBA
- 10am Break
- 10:30am Groups
- 11:45pm Lunch
- 1pm ***The Agape Economy: The Church’s Call to Action***  
How do we discern what tools will work in our local contexts and rally action around a vision of God’s economy?  
  
Opening talk (20 minutes): **The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray, Bishop of Panama**  
  
Panel and Q&A: **Rachel Held Evans, Jennifer Jones Austin, Amy Butler** (Riverside Church)
- 2:30pm Adjourn

**Sunday, January 25 (Optional):**

- 10am Discovery Class & Webcast
- 11:15am Eucharist - Preacher TBA