

How equality can flourish in a multi-racial, multi-cultural, multi-national, multi-generational church: what does this church look like physically, spiritually, and doctrinally?

Panel and Discussion

Saturday, April 6, 2019

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Swarthmore Friends Meeting House, Swarthmore College

12 Whittier Place, Swarthmore PA 19081

Program is free and open to the public. A donation of \$5 is suggested.

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Our distinguished panel will be moderated by **Mary Hunt**, feminist theologian and co-founder and co-director of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER). Dr. Hunt is a Catholic active in the women-church movement, a lecturer, and prolific writer on theology and ethics, with particular attention to social justice concerns.



Mariam I. Williams is a writer, dancer, arts educator, and public historian with a social change mission. She is a columnist for the *National Catholic Reporter* who explores life and culture at the intersection of race, gender, and Christian faith. Ms. Williams is a member of The Decades, a Philadelphia-based woman of color arts collaborative with members of different generational, ethnic, and regional identities and is currently writing a memoir about sisterhood and sexuality in the traditional southern Black Church.

Marian Ronan is Research Professor of Catholic Studies at New York Theological Seminary, an African American, Latinx and Asian seminary in NYC. Formerly a faculty member at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, Dr. Ronan is the author or co-author of seven books, most recently, *Women of Vision: Sixteen Founders of the International Grail Movement*. She has been active in the movement for Catholic women's ordination since 1975 and serves on the Southeastern PA Women's Ordination Conference Steering Committee.



Kathleen Grimes is Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics at Villanova University. Her research interests include liberation theologies, calling attention to the pervasive presence of white supremacy in the Catholic church, critically retrieving natural law theory, and sexual ethics. She places Catholic feminist ethics in conversation with Catholic tradition in order to address the challenges of the contemporary Church and is a regular contributor for the [Women in Theology](#) blog.

Sonja Spoo is the Associate Campaigns Director at UltraViolet, a national advocacy organization that drives feminist cultural and political change. Prior to joining UV, Sonja was a national organizer for reproductive rights with Catholics for Choice. Her advocacy focuses at the intersections between faith, gender, and race. Beginning her grassroots organizing in Philadelphia, she has since worked to combat domestic and sexual violence, increase access to quality doula support for expectant mothers in underserved communities, fight against gender discrimination and pay inequity in the work place, and advocate for services with members of the homeless community.



Sponsored by Women Church Convergence (W-CC), a coalition of autonomous Catholic-rooted groups working to build just social and ecclesial structures with shared power for everyone, especially women and those whom church and society marginalize. W-CC amplifies diverse feminist, faith-filled voices. We create spaces in which all can live out their vision of full inclusion in church and society. Our commitment to feminist ministries and our social justice values lead us to act boldly in the world for the benefit of all.