

# Words Matter

## The Intersectionality of Race, Religion and Public Policy

**April 19, 2021**  
**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

*Webinar via Zoom*  
*Free and Open to the Public*  
*Registration is Required*

**About the Event:** Our use of language influences how race, religion and public policy intersect. This webinar will explore the power of language in the intersection of race, religion and public policy that is reflected in how different groups thrive while others remain marginalized. Participants will be invited to examine the impact of language - the power of words - through this lens. Panelists include a linguist, a practical theologian, and leaders of community agencies that empower marginalized communities for social change.

### Schedule

**7:00 pm**

Welcome and  
Introductions

**7:05 pm**

Panelist Presentations  
(12-13 minutes each)

**8:20 pm**

Panel Discussion

**8:40 pm**

Q&A with Panelists

**8:50 pm**

Plenary Wrap-up

**9:00 pm**

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