

**Announcing the kick-off season of
—TARO TALKS on SYSTEMIC RACISM and OPPRESSION—**

UUCGN's *Team Against Racism and Oppression* is offering a short series of well-known principals in the fight against racism, known as **TARO TALKS**, to help us address and become more aware of the many aspects of systemic racism and oppression.

The presentations are all complimentary and will be virtual in the ZOOM webinar or meeting format. No advance registration is required, as other congregations and organizations with which TARO is partnering are also our invited guests: Naples United Church of Christ, Temple Shalom, and SURJ/SWFL. All who are interested in this work are invited to attend.

The webinars will be open for joining approximately ten (10) minutes before start time. Just click on the appropriate links to join us in each event! Please encourage your anti-racist friends to join us. Expect a lively conversation, as written questions from the attendees are encouraged.

Monday, February 1st, 7 PM. Florida Rights Restoration Coalition; presentation by **Neil Volz**, Deputy Director. Volz was convicted of white-collar offenses in the Jack Abramoff scandal more than a decade ago. He cast his first vote in 16 years in early voting last August after completing his sentence.



FRRC is a grassroots, membership organization run by Returning Citizens (Formerly Convicted Persons) who are dedicated to ending the disenfranchisement and discrimination against people with convictions and creating a more comprehensive and humane reentry system that will enhance successful reentry, reduce recidivism, and increase public safety.

FRRC led the 2019 historic victory with the passage of Amendment 4, a citizen initiative which restored voting rights to over 1.4 million convicted felons in Floridians with past felony convictions who have completed their sentence. It was the single largest expansion of voting rights in the USA in a half century and brought an end to 150 years of Jim Crow-era oppression in Florida. The FRRC has paid \$27 million in fines and fees for over 42,000 Florida citizens to restore their voting privileges. [Link to join](#) before 7PM.

Monday, February 15th, 7 PM. LGBTQIA Rights in Florida's Future

Brandon Wolf is a nationally recognized advocate for LGBTQ issues and gun violence prevention. He found his passion for social change following the shooting at Pulse Nightclub, which he personally survived. He is a frequent contributor on state and national media outlets, having published opinion columns in *USA Today*, *CNN digital* and *Orlando Weekly*.



Brandon volunteers with The Dru Project, an organization he founded following the shooting at Pulse Nightclub that sponsors LGBTQ student groups and provides college funding to future leaders. He now lives in Orlando. Link to join after 6:50PM. [Link to join](#) before 7PM.

Saturday Workshop, March 13, 9 AM--NOON. Racial Justice and Collective Liberation.



Chris Crass is one of the leading voices in the country calling for and supporting white people working for racial justice. Crass is founder of the anti-racist movement building center—The Catalyst Project—and helped launch the national white anti-racist network, Showing Up for Racial Justice—**SURJ**.

While there is much talk about white fragility and about white silence getting in the way, this is an interactive workshop to develop resilience, courage and leadership by longtime social justice educator, author and organizer, Chris Crass. Whether you've been active for decades or only a few days, this is an opportunity to develop a stronger culture of inspiration, resilience and courage for racial justice. The overall theme of the workshop is: *how we can build stronger racial justice values and action in our congregations and communities?* The workshop is for all who want to do this work.

Sunday Sermon, March 14, 10:00AM –NOON; Rev Tony & Chris Crass

Crass is a social justice educator who writes and speaks widely on courage for racial justice, feminism for men, lessons from past movements, creating a healthy culture, and leadership for progressive activism. He works with community groups, schools and faith communities to develop leadership and momentum for social justice action. View the sermon on [FaceBook](#), as usual. Then stay for a thoughtful, virtual discussion.

ZOOM links and handouts for the Chris Crass workshop, service, and discussion will be sent to you the week before March 13/14.

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