NURTURING JUSTICE: Raising Inclusive Children in an Unjust World

Friday, February 24, 2017
1:30 – 3 p.m.
Givens Conference Room (120 Elmer Andersen Library)
West Bank campus
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Through the media and in daily life, we often hear the phrase, “We live in a complex world.” In the U.S. and globally, we are experiencing rapid social, economic, and political changes that are affecting public and personal opinion and behavior. The rise of social media and the 24-hour news cycle mean adults – and children alike – are awash in images, language, and “infotainment” that reinforce social inequities around race, disability, gender, sexuality, class, and religion, among other social identities permeating U.S. society. In this complex climate, many of us hope we can challenge these inequities by nurturing and raising children with self respect, compassion for others, and a genuine comfort with diversity – children who will take these values into their adult role as engaged citizens. But how can the education in our homes, schools, neighborhoods, and faith communities compete with YouTube, Instagram, and the next cool app? Join this discussion with parents, educators, and others working with children and youth as they share personal experiences with challenging bias and creating open and equitable child-focused spaces.

Panelists: Reverend KP Hong, Director of Religious Education, Unity Church – Unitarian, St. Paul; JB Mayo, Associate Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development; Katie Peacock, Assistant Director for Community Partnerships and Engaged Learning, University of Minnesota Center for Community-Engaged Learning, Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Lisa Sass Zaragoza, Outreach Coordinator, PRAXIS Institute, Department of Pharmaceutical Care and Health Systems, University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

Moderator: Anne Phibbs, Director of Education, University of Minnesota Office of Equity and Diversity.

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