

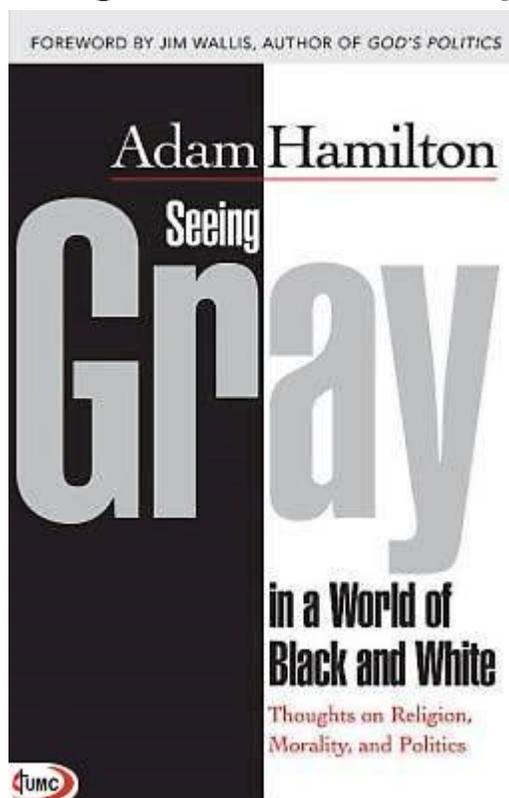
Seeing Gray

This past weekend, a young woman gave her life for the struggle of peace and justice for all people. Many of us, never imagined that we as a nation we would be in this place. But here we are. We fell asleep, thinking and believing that our work was done.

So again, we are trying our best to live up to our Christian calling to practice, peace, love and justice. This sounds good but it takes a lot of hard work to make the dream of unity a reality in our very diverse world. It requires more than giving lip service to a cause. It demands action.

To this end, I want to suggest that FUMC-Des Plaines be proactive by educating and equipping ourselves with tools and resources that will help us to address some of these painful and difficult issues. Therefore, **I propose that we study and discuss Adam Hamilton's book: "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White."**

In this book Hamilton reflects on thoughts on Religion, Morality and Politics. It is my hope that Hamilton's book will help us find common ground and meaningful and effective ways to dialogue about our differences and our commonalities. As we seek ways to be faithful to our calling as followers of Christ, **I propose that we get together to dialogue and discuss the topics in the book.**



I am offering myself as facilitator and propose that we meet **once a month on the 3rd Sunday at 3:00pm.** I hope you will participate in the dialogue and discussion group. Buying and reading the book is optional but highly encouraged. Please let Jennifer know if you'd like her to order you a book (\$12 before 8/19, \$18 after).

The introductory gathering will be August 20th. You need not register, or have the book, just show up.

Please invite your friends beyond the walls of the church to join us in this endeavor. Let's grow and learn together.

Pastor Irene Taylor