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## ***Beneath the Issues and Institutions: God's Vision of the Common Good***

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Political parties and civil rights groups are telling us what they believe our national government and civic connections should look like. Yet, in the midst of those important conversations, we as people of faith also need to listen to the voices from our biblical and theological roots. The fall Adult Forum sessions are designed to provide those perspectives. Drawing from the book, *An Other Kingdom*, by Peter Block, Walter Brueggemann and John McKnight, Trinity members will feed our imaginations as we personally discuss, work and pray the words of the Lord's Prayer: "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

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9/13            **Welcome Gathering & Overview of program year**  
Facilitator: Anne Miner-Pearson

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9/20            **Bishop Whipple and Race: Hardly a Saint**  
Taking our founding bishop, Henry Benjamin Whipple, seriously as a man of his times, give us the chance to think about ourselves as people of our times.  
Facilitator: Michael McNally

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9/27            NO ADULT FORUM - ECMN CONVENTION WORSHIP

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10/4            **"Like Fish in the Ocean"**  
Until this current time, many of us took much of our American way of life for granted, assuming economic and structures were givens. But now seems like an opportunity to probe deeper at our common life through eyes of faith.  
Facilitator: Sally Browne

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10/11           **"In the Noise We Need the Silence"**  
With recent news cycles bulging with data and stories, there is no lack of ideas and challenges to consider. Yet, it is in such times when listening is hard to practice and most needed to discover the common good.  
Facilitator: Gaye Pope Carlson

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10/18           **"It's More Than Paper with Green Ink"**  
American's economy is a victim of CoVid 19 and starkly confronts us with understanding the role of money in our lives - its meaning, our relationship to it and, in turn, how it shapes our relationship to others.  
Facilitator: Ben Brubaker

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10/25

**“Eucharist Places Food at Our Center”**

Not celebrating Eucharist each Sunday is one of the biggest current losses for us. Such a longing only further points to the centrality of food in our personal and communal lives. How might “daily bread” be considered differently in God’s kingdom?

Facilitator: Megan Emery

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**“Parables and Poetry”**

Consideration of God’s vision for the common good needs imagination and it’s often the perspective of story and poetry which can take us there.

Facilitator: Sam Wiant

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**“Covenant is the Base”**

Within an understanding of the biblical experience of covenant, lies the keys to work toward justice, freedom and faithfulness in our communities.

Facilitator: Julie Campanelli

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**“How We Count Time”**

Even during a pandemic, clock and calendar time continue to matter. Yet, throughout the Bible, time is often counted differently and from that perspective, other aspects of our days could take on a different count.

Facilitator: Heidi Groven

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**“A Foot in Two Kingdoms”**

St. Augustine’s major work, "City of God," examines Christians' responsibility to be good citizens of the Kingdoms of earth and the Kingdom of God.

Facilitator: Fred Nairn