

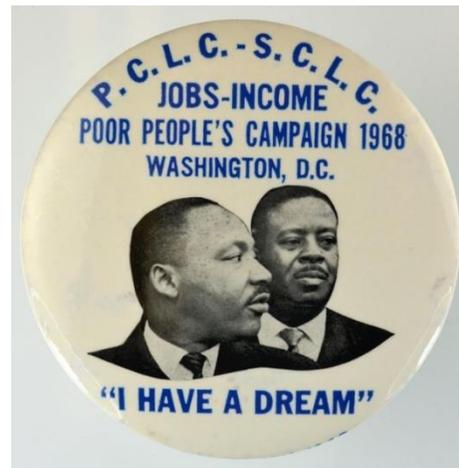


## UU Liberation Series

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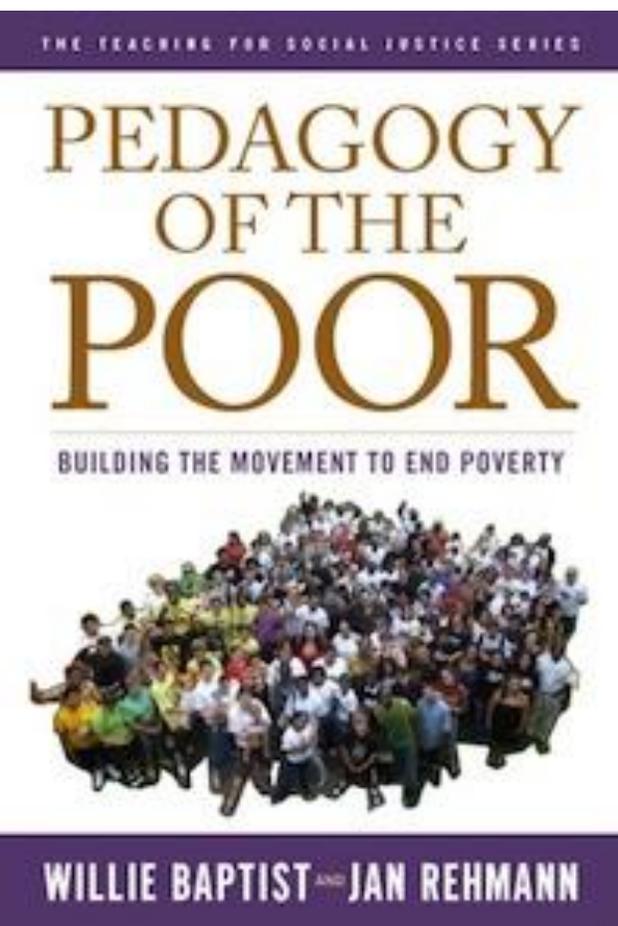
In Honor of the upcoming New Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, TUCW

will be hosting a UU Liberation Series on Sundays. This year marks the fifty year anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the work he did to liberate America from the interconnected triplet evils of poverty, racism, and militarism. There will be a series of presentations, guided discussions and some book reading. This *reading is non-mandatory*, however, contact Julio Torres for PDF copies or purchase your copy of *Pedagogy of the Poor* here- <https://www.amazon.com/Pedagogy-Teaching-Social-Justice-Paperback/dp/0807752282>.



**April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** A presentation and discussion with White Whirlwind, aka Lessert Moore, A Lakota Medicine Man. He will discuss the Lakota Seven virtues, Lakota Spirituality as well as systemic injustice experienced by his tribe over the past few hundred years.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>:** Discussion of spiritual resources and strengths to answer the call of liberation by such Native peoples like Dr. George Tinker. How do we understand our second source as UU in a political theology? How do we use that to do our anti-racist work?



**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** We begin to discuss of *Pedagogy of the Poor*. For those who wish to read- we will be discussing the **Introduction chapter** to *Pedagogy of the Poor*. Thereby an introduction of the whole book, the nature of systemic poverty, social justice failures/achievements, and The New Poor People's Campaign.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>:** In several chapters of *Pedagogy of the Poor*, one co-author interviews the other co-author. Willie Baptist, in this week's **chapter (3)** we will be discussing the contributions of Martin Luther King Jr and Malcolm X to the analysis of Poverty.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** In this week's **chapter (4)**, the co-author Jan Rehmann gives an in depth socio- economic historical analysis. We ask ourselves, as UUs, who do we feel deserve and doesn't deserve to be poor? Who deserves healthcare, education, employment, housing, food and retirement?

**May 28<sup>th</sup>:** In this week's **chapter (6)** we discuss the situation of Detroit, as in the book and what has happened since its publication in 2011. Their water crisis is horrendous. How can UUs have a prophetic socio-economic theology, and build a fusion coalition to end poverty?

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** This week's **chapter (9)** focuses on the experiences of Willie Baptist as a leader in the movement against poverty. We will discuss fusion organizing- and its impact on transformation on personal, communal and systemic levels. How can we as a congregation and denomination/ movement join the New Poor People's Campaign?