

# Racial Health Inequities

Free webinar

Monday, June 28 at 7 pm

Second in series:



## REVEALING HISTORY

HOW WE GOT HERE  
WHY IT MATTERS

"Pietà" – Tyronn J. Sawyer

**Racial Health Inequities** is the second program in the series, *Revealing History: How We Got Here, Why It Matters*, which takes a closer look at contemporary issues of race and looks to history to provide context and illuminate causes.

This event is free and open to the public. Advance [registration](#) is required.

The program's guest speaker will be **Rev. Robyn Anderson, Director of the Ministerial Health Fellowship**, an integrated, faith-based health care advocacy network that addresses systemic barriers to Black communities' access to care.



Rev. Robyn Anderson

The webinar will discuss health disparities and some of their historical roots, illustrating how racism, which the CDC has recently declared a "serious public health threat," drives racial and ethnic health inequities. David Vita, Director of Social Justice, will also highlight action steps that participants can take to advocate for more equitable health care, both nationally and in Connecticut. The program will be moderated by TUCW member Carolyn Gundell, career Nutritionist and Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist.

This multimedia event will also feature art and musical performances by stage actor Ryan Williams French and The Quintet, led by Rev. Ed Thompson.

In Connecticut, babies born to  
**black mothers** are more than  
**4X** as likely to **die before**  
**their first birthday**  
as babies born to white mothers.



#HealthDisparitiesCT



**Connecticut is among the healthiest states in the country, yet a closer look at the data shows clear, tragic and costly health disparities between White people and people of color.** For example, according to a 2020 report published by the Connecticut Health Foundation, Black adults are more than twice as likely as White adults to have diabetes, nearly four times as likely to have amputations, and more than twice as likely to die from the disease. Black children and teens are 5.5 times more likely to have an asthma-related ED visit and 4.5 times more likely to be hospitalized due to the condition than White children and teens. According to the Connecticut Health Foundation, socio-economic differences can contribute to these outcomes, but health disparities exist *even when controlling for education and income*.

From heart disease to cancer, from infant mortality to life expectancy, why do such disparities exist? How does our history of racism and discrimination impact the health of Black Americans today? And what is being done — and what can we do — to close these gaps?

***Revealing History: How We Got Here, Why It Matters*** is created and produced by TUCWomen and the Unitarian Church in Westport.