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Where Will Christian Nationalism Go Next? Join Us for "Beyond the Ballot: Christian Faith, Nationalism, and the Road Ahead."

On Tuesday, November 24, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. CT, Rev. Angela Denker, Dr. Jemar Tisby, Ph.D., and Minnesota Council of Churches Board Chair Pastor Tawanna Black will come together for **"Beyond the Ballot: Christian Faith, Nationalism, and the Road Ahead," a virtual panel exploring the future of Christian Nationalism and the responsibilities of Christians in this evolving political and religious landscape.** What might the midterm election results mean for the trajectory of Christian Nationalism in America? How might the movement evolve? How should Christians who reject the conflation of religious faith with political power respond? Those topics and more will be on the agenda for this timely, candid, and important discussion.

About the panelists:

- Rev. Angela Denker is an award-winning author, ELCA Lutheran pastor, and veteran journalist. Her book, "Red State Christians," won the 2019 Silver Foreword Indies award for political and social sciences. She is a former columnist for the Minnesota Star Tribune and has written for many publications, including Sports Illustrated, the Washington Post, and FORTUNE magazine, and has appeared on CNN, BBC, SkyNews, and NPR to share her research on politics and Christian Nationalism.
- Dr. Jemar Tisby, Ph.D., is a New York Times bestselling author, national speaker, and public historian. His work focuses on the uncomfortable truths often left out of textbooks and sermons, including how racism has shaped American Christianity and how resistance movements were fueled by faith. Tisby is the co-founder and CEO of The Witness Inc., author of "The Color of Compromise," and has been featured in the Washington Post, Vox, CNN, and The Atlantic.
- Pastor Tawanna Black is the founder, president, and CEO of the Center for Economic Inclusion and Living Truth Enterprises, Incorporated; a national thought leader; and an award-winning architect of racially inclusive and equitable strategies. She was a 2019 non-resident senior fellow for the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program and named a Top 25 Disruptive Leader by Living Cities in 2016. Black has been featured in the Washington Post, New York Times, Forbes, and MSNBC.

Event Details

When: Tuesday, November 24, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. CT
Where: Zoom
Who: Free and open to all community members; registration required
Registration: mnchurch.formstack.com/forms/beyond_the_ballot_virtual_panel_2026nov24

About Minnesota Council of Churches

Founded in 1947, the Minnesota Council of Churches convenes, connects, and catalyzes people of faith to advance justice, promote healing, and strengthen the spiritual and civic fabric of Minnesota. Guided by our vision, we work to equip congregations to support individuals, families, and communities; promote reconciliation; and foster authentic collaboration across denominations and cultures. MCC represents over one million people of faith across Minnesota through 25 member denominations. Program areas include refugee services, immigration legal services, racial justice, peacebuilding, and interfaith relationships. For more information, visit mnchurches.org.