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EAST OHIO CONFERENCE BLACK PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP *Sharing Experiences of Race and Ministry*

Rev. Darlene Robinson, Willard First UMC

Questions after you watch:

1. Do you think Pastor Darlene's first story was a racist act or not?
2. Should she have told the person in her first story that what the person had said was offensive to her?
3. In the second story, what should, if anything, the other church members have done or said to the person who refused to come back to the church while there was an African American/Black person as the pastor? Should the person have been removed from membership?
4. When the person in the second story passed away, should their funeral have been allowed to be held at the church (can't remember if it was) since the member refused to allow the current African American/Black pastor to officiate or be a part of the funeral? Whose job should it be to tell the family, yes or no?
5. What does her story of people refusing to be pastored by her husband tell you about racism within UMC churches?
6. What do you think the man was saying to Rev. Robinson when he said we want this to stay as a UM Church? Could it be that he was saying that black cultural expression in worship was not welcome?
7. Is expressive worship, really about race?
8. What new things did you learn from this video?
9. How can your perspective grow from this video?

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Questions for further reflection:

1. What words from family and friends have you heard that have intensified acts of prejudice?
2. How were you an instrument of healing inside and outside of the church structure?
3. What personal risks have you taken to work against an injustice system?
4. What did you learn? What shocked you? What challenged you?
5. What offended you? Why did it offend you? What kind of life experience do you think would cause a person to say what the person said in this video? What can you learn from the perspectives in these videos?