

Day Trips Testimony- Bob Morgan

All three trips gave glimpses into communities with strength and agency despite overburdens of overbearing constraints. In all three cases there was evidence of deterioration of community structures that came with desegregation. Even though these trips did not deal directly with the faith that infused and still empowers African Americans, my awe for the lord has been raised up a notch.

I am much more aware of the need for the African American church not to be swallowed up in dominant white spirituality. It's needed to keep a counterbalance to systemic racism which works so silently, infusing us white Christians with pagan idolatry of feeling deserving as God's deserving. We need our struggling African American congregations to be taken off life support and put in a place where they can secure God's future and so enrich our faith.

I continue to process the uncomfortable heritage of economic greed that accommodated the exploitations and brutalities of slavery and look deeper into how much my own well being is based on disparity of wealth in this time and place.

I am engaged in the poor Peoples Campaign pressuring the Georgia Legislature to pass items on its Moral Agenda with a mass rally on March 2nd.

My hope for the church is that it will pop the bubble of its insulation from the pains and struggles of so many outside its consciousness – that the people of faith will come to love as Christ loves even those who are outsiders – poor and super-rich alike. Ay