

Speakers

[Kate Sheehan Roach](#), longtime developmental editor, founder of *Contemplative Journal*, and national leader in inter-spiritual and contemplative movements.

[Sara Taylor](#), MDiv graduate and staff member at Boston University School of Theology, with a passion for faith-based ecological justice, student support, and community-rooted ministry.

Monday, 9/22

[Filipe Maia](#), Assistant Professor of Theology at Boston University School of Theology, scholar of liberation theologies and Methodist doctrine, and leading voice on the theological critique of capitalism and colonialism.

Tuesday, 9/23

[Janet Kang](#), Executive Director of Just Horizons Alliance, tech entrepreneur and ethical systems strategist, leading efforts to align AI and system design with human values and societal well-being.

[Wesley Wildman](#), Professor of Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics and of Computing and Data Sciences at Boston University, pioneering scholar at the intersection of religion, philosophy, and computational modeling.

[Suzanne Woolston Bossert](#), Board Chair of Just Horizons Alliance and former minister, editor, and business executive, bringing a deeply interdisciplinary lens to ethics, leadership, and systems change in an age of technological transformation.

[Union Combined Parish](#), A multisite United Methodist congregation in Boston formed in 2024 through the merger of four churches, creating a diverse, historically Black, multicultural, and LGBTQ+ empowering community. With fully hybrid worship and programming, the Parish is reimagining what church looks like grounded in love, liberation, and inclusive belonging.

- [Rev. Dr. Jay Williams](#) is the Lead Pastor of the Union Combined Parish, where he leads with a focus on liberation, innovation, and social transformation. A Harvard- and Union Theological Seminary-educated scholar and ordained elder in the New

England Conference of the United Methodist Church, he brings both academic rigor and deep pastoral care to his ministry.

- [Rev. Kyle Walden](#) is the Discipleship Pastor of the Union Combined Parish, where he leads faith formation, small group ministries, and pastoral care rooted in a vision of radical solidarity and personal and social holiness. An ordained elder in the Horizon Texas Conference, Kyle holds degrees from Boston University School of Theology and the University of Texas at Austin.

Wednesday, 9/24

[Dr. Shelly Rambo](#), theologian and professor at Boston University School of Theology, exploring the intersections of trauma, Spirit, and Christian theology with a focus on chaplaincy and spiritual care.

Thursday, 9/25

[Dr. Shively Smith](#), Associate Professor of New Testament at Boston University School of Theology, Womanist biblical scholar, and leading voice on diaspora, hermeneutics, and African American biblical interpretation.