

The SACReD Curriculum is a Journey

A SACReD Curriculum Preview



Over the next several months we'll be sharing short snippets inspired by the SACReD curriculum revision that our team is working on this fall. Consider these a teaser, a taste-test for the updated curriculum that we will release in early 2025. These would be great for a book club, Sunday school lesson, scripture study, lunch and learn, or any other group who might want to delve more deeply into Faith and Reproductive Freedom.

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SACReD's Curriculum begins with a consideration of the dominant cultural forces that have shaped our society and our own lives. We are clear-eyed about the fact that millennia of patriarchy and unjust economic systems, joined by centuries of colonialism and racism, have cultivated ways of life and forms of religion that are harmful and not easily changed. Yet, at the same time, a human quest for liberation persists. And at the heart of our religious traditions, we know there is a spiritual commitment to love, justice, and well-being for ALL people.

What if we really ground ourselves in that spiritual commitment to love and wrestle with our faith traditions anew? What if we can move toward justice, including Reproductive Justice, because of, rather than in spite of, our faith?

Here are a few short videos that give you a taste of what you'll encounter in the foundational module of our curriculum. Consider gathering a small group to watch them and asking participants to discuss how they feel about considering their faith tradition in fresh ways.

- Are they interested in embarking on a journey that may change their sense of faith and the ways they live it out?
- Are they ready to navigate serious tensions, as well as resonances, between their tradition and the demands of doing justice?
- How do each of these videos illustrate approaches to liberation at the growing edge of the religion people know?

[“Understanding our History of Patriarchy: What’s Faith Got to Do With It?”](#)

This is one of several videos from [“The Girl Child and Her Long Walk to Freedom”](#) project, which is an international collaboration to end patriarchy, focused to a significant extent on positive faith-based action.

[“Compassion, Oppression, and Activism”](#)

In this short clip of a longer talk, Tibetan Buddhist scholar Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche discusses the relationship between justice activism and Buddhism.

[“Women’s Rights from Within the Qur’an”](#)

Here is a clip from an interview with Dr. Asma Barlas, Professor of Politics at Ithaca College, discussing women’s rights and Islam.

[“Womanist Biblical Hermeneutics”](#)

Dr. Mitzi J. Smith, Professor of New Testament at Ashland Theological Seminary, succinctly explains the importance of womanist approaches to the Bible.