

NEWS FROM SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY for October 1, 2020
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Social Concerns: The Great Course “America’s Long Struggle against Slavery”

The Social Concerns Ministry has purchased The Great Course “America’s Long Struggle against Slavery.” Led by Richard Bell, PhD, the course witnesses the centuries long fight against the institution of slavery from the western coast of Africa to the plantations and battlefields of America. We are delighted that the course is now ready to be checked out in sections from the library in the Commons with special instructions from our Commons Librarian, Ethel Allison. Following are the restrictions or requirements for checking out The Great Course “America’s Long Struggle against Slavery” disks:

1. There are two sets with six disks in each set. Each disk is to be checked out separately. The length is two-and-a-half hours and covers five lectures.
 2. Anyone who wants to take out a disk must sign-up on the “Reserve List” for each disk they want (one at a time). When you return a disk, you can “Reserve” the next disk in sequence.
 3. Disks are on loan for “seven days only” and must be returned to the Commons Library. They are not to be passed onto another resident.
 4. The disks will be under the control of Ethel Allison, Priscilla Bellefeuille, or Mary Lierman. They will check the disks in and out so that there is some order. If they find that the disks are being passed on without going through the Reserve List order, that person will go to the “end of the line.”
- Thank you for your cooperation.

Social Concerns: Video on Caring for God’s Creation

As children of God, we are given the task of caring for God’s creation – our earth and all its fabulous life forms. To do this requires that we work to conserve the environment, solve problems related to the climate, and protect our natural areas. The phrase “Think globally, act locally” reminds us that a great place to begin is in our own backyard. We are fortunate to have citizens working to establish a wildlife corridor which includes all of Penney Farms and will connect important habitats between Ocala and Osceola National Forests in Florida.

You are invited to watch a video that features some of the uniquely wonderful parts of our state. It will inspire us to act as good stewards of this beautiful planet. This video is a Penney Memorial Church production supported by the Social Concerns Ministry of PMC in collaboration with Flagler College and the North Florida Land Trust. This program will soon be broadcast on TV Channel 21, Facebook Live, and on Vimeo.

Vimeo Link: [Video on Caring for God’s Creation](#)

Social Concerns: Race Relations Sessions

The Social Concerns Ministry of Penney Memorial Church would like to thank all those who participated in one of the two sessions (September 16 and 23, 2020) on race relations led by Dolly Hillman and Ron Coleman, PRC Inc. Board member. There were many positive responses and comments about the sessions, and people have asked if they might be repeated. Others have suggested that there be a continuation of the dialogue that was started in the sessions. If you have

any suggestions or ideas about future events related to race relations, please submit them to Dolly Hillman, Martha Gale, or Joy Carol. Thank you so much.