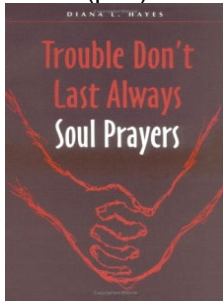


The women of Chicago's west side and of the near-west parishes are invited to gather for autumn spirituality!

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the discussion, and we'll use as a catalyst Trouble Don't Last Always: Soul Prayers, a book by Diana L. Hayes. "I believe I have learned, because of my own struggles, how to see, hear, and feel the struggles of others, voiced and unvoiced. This has led me to explore theology and the role of Christian Churches in the U.S. in a new and challenging way—from the bottom up. I know what it is like to be poor, to be discriminated against because of my poverty, my race, my gender, and my disabilities. These many years of struggle and pain, which continue to this day, have forged me in the fiery furnace of God's love." (p. 6)



This series will be an introduction to Diana L. Hayes who is Emerita Professor of Systematic Theology at Georgetown University (retired). She holds the Juris Doctor (Law), PhD (Religious Studies) and Doctor of Sacred Theology (STD) degrees and is the first African American woman to earn a Pontifical Doctorate in Theology (Catholic University of Louvain). Hayes is the author of 7 books as well as over 85 articles and book chapters. She has received numerous awards including the Elizabeth Seton Medal for Outstanding Woman Theologian and the US Catholic Award for Furthering the Role of Women in the Church as well as three honorary doctorates.

Diana L. Hayes will be the keynote speaker on “Difference is not dangerous; difference is Divine” at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7 pm. It will be a special evening...not to be missed...open to all men and women...which will also feature some of our local community's black female spiritual leaders.

Shelby will supply the books each week for this autumn series. **No need to prepare in advance.** Shelby will sell the books used during the series at the conclusion of the series. We'll also draw from Hagar's Daughters written by Dr. Hayes.

It matters **not at all** if you miss a week or 2. You are welcome to join as your schedule permits. Drop-ins are encouraged! Bring your female friends, visitors, or relatives.

We'll offer **duplicate** sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. No need to come at the same time each Monday. Sessions last no longer than 90 minutes.

Mon., Oct. 1: Week 1—Yet Do I Marvel; In the Garden; I Know What the Caged Bird Feels
Mon., Oct. 8: Week 2—I Believe, Lord, Help My Unbelief; Thy Will Not Mine, O Lord; Let Go and Let God
Mon., Oct. 22: Week 3—I Surrender All; Tired; I Don't Feel No Ways Tired
Mon., Nov. 5: Week 4—I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray; That Good Night; Come, Ye Disconsolate
Mon., Nov. 12: Week 5—One Day at a Time; Fix Me, Jesus, Fix Me; There is a Balm in Gilead

We meet in the gathering area of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church at 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. The church is handicapped accessible. Only the doors on Austin Blvd. will be open. There are excellent assistive listening devices available.

Questions or concerns?

Call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.