

In this [conversation](#) Dr. Sonu and Rev. Dominique Gilliard (Director of Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation) discuss the racial disparities associated with COVID-19. They explore why these disparities are so glaring, the root causes of racial health disparities, and COVID's connection to a broader history of injustice and inequity within healthcare. Their conversation ends with a discussion on why COVID is spreading so aggressively behind bars, and ways the Church can help love our neighbors during this pandemic, while also advocating for a more equitable system of healthcare.

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Additional Resources:

COVID-19 Racial Disparities

[What the Racial Data Show: The pandemic seems to be hitting people of color the hardest](#)
[Blacks, Hispanics Hit Harder by the Coronavirus, Early U.S. Data Show](#)
[Indian Country faces higher risks, lack of resources in COVID-19 fight](#)

Root Causes

[Why are Blacks dying at higher rates from COVID-19?](#)
[Tuskegee Experiment: The Infamous Syphilis Study](#)
[Acres of Skin: Human Experiments at Holmesburg Prison](#)
[Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present](#)
[Why I don't feel safe wearing a face mask](#)

History of inequality within healthcare

[How does implicit bias by physicians affect patients' health care?](#)
[Unwanted Sterilizations and Eugenics Programs in the United States](#)
[Victims speak out about North Carolina sterilization program, which targeted women, young girls and blacks](#)

COVID's aggressive spread behind bars

[Chicago's Jail Is Top U.S. Hot Spot as Virus Spreads Behind Bars](#)
Tracking [Responses to the COVID-19 pandemic](#) behind bars
[Memorial](#) for Ronald Rice, our North Park Theological Seminary student in the School of Restorative Arts program at Stateville who died due to COVID.