De-Designing Segregation in New Haven County

PART I
The History and Impact of Segregated Towns and Regions

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Welcome
Taniqua Huguley
Outreach Director, Open Communities Alliance

Context
Pastor Philippe Andal
Community Baptist Church

Segregated By Design
Mark Lopez, Director · Richard Rothstein, Writer & Narrator
You can find the video at SegregatedByDesign.com

The Impact of Segregation, Additional Historical Touchpoints, and the Role of Affordable Housing
Erin Boggs, Esq.
Executive Director, Open Communities Alliance

Local Family Stories
Alisa Bowens-Mercado
Bethany Resident
Alana Rosenberg
Woodbridge Resident · Member, CONECT
Rev. Bonita Grubbs
Executive Director, Christian Community Action
Advisory Board, Open Communities Alliance

Wrap-Up
Erin Boggs, Esq.

Discussion
Moderated by Pastor Philippe Andal

Thank you and announcements
Taniqua Huguley

PART II: STRATEGIES TO UNWIND RESIDENTIAL SEGREGATION (MAY 7th @ 6 p.m.)
Alana Rosenberg is a resident of Woodbridge, CT. She is a Program Manager and Research Associate at the Yale Center for Healthcare Innovation, Redesign and Learning (CHIRAL). Her past work includes a longitudinal study examining prisoner reentry and health and an evaluation unit for community-based HIV prevention and care projects across Africa. Ms. Rosenberg holds a Master of Public Health from Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology from Barnard College. She is a member of Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut (CONECT).
Alisa was born and raised in Bethany, CT. A graduate of Northeastern University, Alisa has experience with her family’s construction business and currently owns and operates two New Haven businesses, Alisa’s House of Salsa and Rhythm Brewing Company, the state’s first African-American female-owned brewery.

While Attending College at Northeastern University, Boston, MA, Alisa majored in Criminal Justice and minored in Political Science. She would attend dance theory classes to stay connected with her passion. After college, she went on to join the family business, a General Contracting firm in which she ran for 13 years. Alisa felt she needed an outlet, so in 1998, she decided to take a Latin “Salsa” dance class. Instantly, Alisa was addicted to the music, the movements, the spirit of Salsa dancing. In September of 2000, Alisa opened Alisa’s House of Salsa and has taught thousands of people to dance. She has been featured on MTV, VHI, and ABC.

In 2017, Alisa, Brand Owner/Brewmaster glided onto the craft beer scene with her Flagship Beer, Rhythm unfiltered lager. Rhythm Brewing Co., located in New Haven, is the 1st African-American/African-American Female Beer Company in the State of Connecticut (4th in the Country). Her Beer can be found in over 250 locations in CT.

Alisa is a Member of Community Baptist Church located in New Haven, CT. She is the Ministry leader of S.A.L.S.A. (Saved Adults Looking for Saved Activities). She gives all honor and Glory to GOD, to whom she knows ALL her blessings flow. Alisa’s passion for people and dance has created a “Dance Ministry” at AHOS.
Rev. Bonita Grubbs has been Executive Director of Christian Community Action since December 1988. Prior to that, from 1985 to 1988, she was employed as Assistant Regional Administrator in Region V (Northwest Connecticut) for the Department of Mental Health within the State of Connecticut.

She has served as a board member of the Connecticut Housing Coalition, the Hospital of St. Raphael, the Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund and the International Festival of Arts and Ideas. She has also served a member of the Judicial Review Council for the State of Connecticut. Interim Pastor of Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church on Hamden, Connecticut, president of the CT Coalition to End Homelessness, Co-chair, Steering Committee of New Haven’s Fighting Back Project, member of the Board of Trustees Mercy Center in Madison, Connecticut, Connecticut Center for School Change and Dwight Hall at Yale University. She has also served as a Lecturer in Supervised Ministries and Homiletics at Yale Divinity School and President of the American Baptist Churches of CT (ABCCCONN).

She has also served as a board member of the Connecticut Voices for Children, Project Access New Haven and the Community Economic Development Fund and, currently, Chair of the ABCCCONN’s Personnel Committee.

Presently, she serves as a board member of the Regional Workforce Alliance and an Advisory Board member of Open Communities Alliance.

In 2013, she received the New Haven Register’s Person of the Year Award, along with outgoing Yale University President Richard Levin. She also received the Humanitarian Award from the CT Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission that year. In 2015, she was confirmed as Deputy Chaplain of the State Senate of the CT General Assembly and is still serving in this capacity.

Rev. Grubbs holds an undergraduate degree in Sociology and in the Afro-American Studies from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. She received two degrees from Yale University—a Master of Arts in Religion and a Master of Public Health. She received an honorary degree from Albertus Magnus College in 2001. She was ordained to the Christian Ministry within the American Baptist Church in November 1987.
Erin Boggs has worked on issues of equity, particularly in the context of housing, for almost 20 years. After dedicating six years to a range of fair housing issues, such as the foreclosure crisis, the housing challenges faced by people with disabilities, and housing discrimination based on a range of characteristics such as the presence of children, the use of government housing subsidies, and race and ethnicity, Boggs recognized the need for an organization specifically focused on the intersection of inequality and geography.

Prior to founding Open Communities Alliance (OCA), Boggs served in a range of roles including as Deputy Director of the Connecticut Fair Housing Center. While at the Center she spearheaded the organization’s work on opportunity and race. Boggs also worked for the CT American Civil Liberties Union as a Staff Attorney and Interim Legal Director and practiced law with a national antitrust firm. Boggs worked at the Harrison Institute for Public Law at Georgetown University Law School and at the Center for National Policy, both in Washington, D.C.

Boggs is a graduate of Wesleyan University and Georgetown University School of Law. A native of Washington, D.C., Boggs attended the D.C. Public Schools.
Rev. Philippe E. C. Andal was licensed and ordained into the Christian ministry by the Community Baptist Church of New Haven, Connecticut and now serves this congregation as Senior Pastor.

Under his leadership, several ministries have been developed and re-organized to meet the needs of a changing, intergenerational community in the heart of Newhallville. Rev. Andal earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Fisk University and a Master of Divinity from Yale University, both with honors, distinctions, and awards. Additionally, Rev. Andal was a 2017 Seminary Fellow of Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics, holds a Certificate in Executive Church Leadership from the Howard University School of Business, and is appointed as Lecturer in Pastoral Leadership and Church Administration at Yale Divinity School.

Recognized as a leader, Rev. Andal serves on the boards of the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut and the Yale Divinity School Alumni Board and is elected as Moderator of the Levite Association of the Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Convention. With a heart for the community, Rev. Andal serves as Treasurer and on the Strategy Team of Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut (CONECT), an interfaith collective of 28 churches, mosques, synagogues, and other houses of worship representing over 25,000 people who work together through building relational power to effect change for the common good on the local, state, and national levels.
Thank you for tuning in! We hope to see you on May 7th!

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PART II

Strategies to Unwind Residential Segregation

Please join us for an exploration of innovative strategies being used around the country to counteract the history of intentional government segregation. We will consider the role of towns, regions, and the state in "unwinding" segregation, with a particular focus on the role the generation of mixed-income communities can play in creating a more equitable and sustainable Connecticut.

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