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*Just Faith* is a rhetorical platform to expose students to diverse religious ideas and social movements. This is timely work that aids students and community members in the exploration and analysis of current conversations and liberation movements concerning Black life and self-determination and helps to situate these discussions in the context of our national life. These forums support the University's QEP, "*Falcons Soaring for Social Justice*."

For more than 150 years, Saint Augustine's Chapel has molded leaders equipped to be servant scholars and advocates for their communities. Servant scholars like Dr. Anna Julia Cooper, distinguished alumna, author, educator, speaker, sociologist, and black liberation activist. Dr. Cooper wrote, "Religion must be life made true; and life is action, growth, development - begun now and ending never. And a life made true cannot

confine itself - it must reach out and twine around every pulsing interest within reach of its uplifting tendrils."

Saint Augustine's University is still about the business and ministry of educating and equipping young people to live, lives made true. Lives of action, growth, and development never-ending. *Just Faith* at Saint Augustine's Chapel continues SAU's legacy of educating and forming servant scholars.

### *Why Just Faith?*

We practice a *Just Faith* at Saint Augustine's Chapel.

Inspired by the teacher and prophet Jesus who taught us to love God and love our neighbor, we seek to live and practice a faith that works for justice in the world. Faith is our starting point. By faith, we affirm the transformative power of love. By faith, we are open and

affirming of all creation and people in their particularities, uniqueness, and expressions. By faith, we respectfully engage and seek to learn from religious practices and traditions. By faith we transcend and challenge white supremacy in all its iterations--its oppression of our people and communities. By faith, we translate the stories of our ancestors' past, and the needs of our present communities. By faith, we are empowered to work for justice in our communities and the world today.

### *What is Just Faith?*

*Just Faith* will explore five (5) areas of Social Justice throughout the year in the *Just Faith* Chapel Forums.

***Racial Justice:*** We seek to explore the 400 years of oppression of the black woman, and man in America, and the social arrangement designed by the white ruling class to oppress all People of Color in the United States. We will work to confront the painful history of the American past, and commit to charting a way forward that honors the dignity of every human being.

***Economic Justice:*** We understand that economic justice is inextricably linked to racial justice, LGBTQIA+ justice, creation care, and gender justice issues. We will examine the economic forces that drive policy decisions that further calcify divisions in our society and oppress Black people, People of Color, and women.

***Gender Justice:*** Women and girls matter at Saint Augustine's Chapel, Anna Julia Cooper our famed alumna put it best when she wrote in *A Voice from the South*, "only the BLACK WOMAN can say when and where I enter, in the quiet, undisputed dignity of my

womanhood, without violence and without suing or special patronage, then and there the whole Negro race enters with me."

***LGBTQIA+ Justice:*** Just Love. Every person should have the freedom to live their life, and their truth with dignity, in the Church and in the world.

### ***Creation Care (Environmental Justice):***

Concerned for the global climate emergency, we commit to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation.

*Just Faith* Chapel Forums will expose the Saint Augustine's University campus and the broader community to speakers, artist, performers, activist and entrepreneurs who are using their faith--Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, or other spiritual practices, to facilitate their work for justice in the world.

The one-hour program will take place in the historic Saint Augustine's Chapel. Chapel Scholars, and students who take First Year Experience and Second Year Experience classes will be required to attend throughout the semester.

### ***About Saint Augustine's Chapel***

Since the school's beginning, Saint Augustine's Chapel has been the center of spirituality for students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community. The Chapel founded and supported by Episcopalians in North Carolina, seeks to support the mission of Saint Augustine's University, to sustain a learning community in which students can prepare academically, socially and spiritually for leadership in a complex, diverse and rapidly changing world.

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