

Do Segregated Churches Imply Racism?

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What attracts you to a worship service?

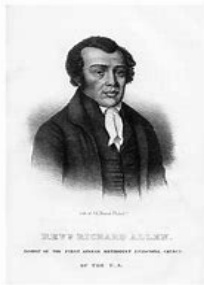
- What do you like from it?
- What do you expect from it?

Beginning of Segregated Churches in America



St. George's United Methodist Church
Philadelphia, PA Founded 1769

Rev. Richard Allen



Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
Founded 1794

Segregated Worship – Pros and Cons

- Who benefits and how?
- Who is at a disadvantage?
- What do we miss out on if worship is segregated?

Non-Segregated Worship

First type: Melting Pot Soup

- The individual character of the ingredients is incorporated into a blend
- Emphasizes fitting in to the dominant culture

Non-Segregated Worship

Second Type: Tossed Salad

- The individual character of the ingredients is still evident and valued within the combination
- Power is shared among the cultures
- The author calls this “truly integrated”

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