

# Third Thursday Lunches

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## Fellowship of Reconciliation & Interfaith Paths to Peace

October 2017 to January 2018

Full Buffet  
For \$7.00

October 19

**Rashaad Abdur-Rahman**, *“Building a Strong Village in Louisville”*

Rashaad Abdur-Rahman is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has worked for years in the field of child/family mental health services. He currently serves as **Director of Mayor Fischer’s Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods**, formed to help create a city of safe neighborhoods, where everyone is supported, free of violence, and prepared for lifelong success. Rashaad believes deeply in the power of community and that, in order to foster a safe, healthy, and transformative society, we must work tirelessly to secure racial, economic, and social justice. Rashaad will talk about **how we in Louisville can build a strong “village” and a safe and healthy community.**

November 16

**Rev. Joe Phelps**, Highland Baptist Church, *“Empower West Louisville”*

Joe Phelps has been pastor at Highland Baptist Church for the past 20 years. In 2006, he founded “No Murders Metro,” an inter-denominational, inter-racial group holding prayer vigils at murder sites across Louisville. When he was a national spokesman exposing Walmart’s record of child labor, gender discrimination, and poor health care plans, he was labeled a “wacko” by Rush Limbaugh. He is currently co-chair of **Empower West Louisville (“EmpowerWest”), a coalition of pastors and churches seeking to unleash the educational, economic, and spiritual power of West Louisville residents ([empowerwest.com](http://empowerwest.com)).** Joe will talk about EmpowerWest’s journey toward working together as black and white progressive churches.

January 18,  
2018

**Chris Harmer**, Co-Chair, Louisville FOR, *“Racial and Economic Equity in the Jefferson County Public Schools”*

What are the Jefferson County Public Schools doing right, and where is JCPS stalled in helping all children reach their full potential? Chris Harmer **will examine the current reality of racially and economically disproportionate outcomes in classroom learning and student discipline, discuss programs and policies that can help us move forward, and talk about the positive role that we all can play.** Chris is currently co-chair of the Louisville Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) and is active advocating for equity and rights for marginalized students, especially those from low-income families and students of color. He is working to help establish a county-wide coalition dedicated to improving and supporting public education for all students.

**Hotel Louisville • 120 West Broadway**

**Corner of Second & Broadway – Free Off-Street Parking**

**Buffet Lunch at 11:30 • Presentation at Noon • \$7.00 at the Door**

**Reservations required by MONDAY before the lunch**

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