

Belief & Justice: a Multi-Faith Conversation Moderator & Panelist Bios March 2nd, 2022

Lynnette Marshall (host / moderator)

Lynnette Marshall is one of the founders of the Flourish Collective. A lifelong educator, she currently coordinates Basics Nyack, an Early Childhood Development program in Nyack, NY. Raised in Nyack herself, she has become a leader in this community, serving on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee at the Rockland County YMCA. She is the recipient of the YMCA Service to Youth award, holding the role as YMCA Youth and Government advisor, and she was honored by the Nyack branch of the NAACP as an outstanding citizen in 2019.

<u>Maha Elgenaidi</u>, Founder and Innovation Director, <u>Islamic Networks Group (ING)</u> (<u>Photo: on ING bio page</u>)

Maha is the founder of the Islamic Networks Group (or ING), a peace-building organization providing face-to-face education and engagement opportunities that foster understanding of Muslims and other misunderstood groups to promote harmony among all people. At ING, Maha oversees the organization's development. She is the creator of training materials and seminars that help public institutions (including police departments and universities) develop cultural competency to engage the American Muslim community with thoughtful understanding. She's currently an advisor for the California Commission on Police Officers Standards and Training and a member of the County of Santa Clara's Hate Crimes Task Force and the Ethnic Studies Committee of ARUSD in San Jose, CA.

<u>Yolanda Savage-Narva</u>, Director of Racial Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (REDI), <u>Union for Reform Judaism</u> (Photo: URJ site)

Yolanda currently heads up all racial equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives for the Union of Reform Judaism, working to bring awareness to the fact that the Jewish community is diverse, multicultural, multi-racial, multi-ethnic, including people with all kinds of intersecting backgrounds. Yolanda writes that, "fighting anti-semitism is fighting the other forms of discrimination – anti-Black racism, homophobia, xenophobia" - too. Her work has been integral in launching the Reform Movement's Racial Justice Campaign, bringing her community to work together to dismantle systems of oppression; fight for racial justice and



equity; combat antisemitism; and act as catalysts for change to create a whole, just community of belonging for everyone.

Ken Wytsma, Founder, The Justice Conference (Photo: at Punchline Images)

Ken is the founder of The Justice Conference, which has reached over thirty thousand people across seven countries with a message on the biblical theology of justice and God's call to be reconcilers and restorers.. He is also the author of several books, including *The Myth of Equality* which was named as one of the top five Religion books of 2017 by Publishers Weekly. Ken lives in Newberg, Oregon, with his wife, Tamara, and their four daughters.