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**WIE Wednesday - 03/23/2016**

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**You are welcome to attend any of our scheduled upcoming WIE orientation meetings. WIE wants to spend time with YOU!**

**Check the WIE EVENTS CALENDAR for a good date for you!**

**Happy National Women's History Month 2017****"Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business"**

The 2017 theme for National Women's History Month honors women who have successfully challenged the role of women in both business and the paid labor force. Women have always worked, but often their work has been undervalued and unpaid.



Discuss with your peers, friends and families - also if they want to participate with Women's History Month - great way would be to donate to the Women's Inter-Cultural Exchange.



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## Affordable Housing In Charlotte

### Heeding the Call to Neighborliness: The future of affordable housing in Charlotte

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
March 8 - April 5

Open to all Fellowship Hall at Covenant Presbyterian Hot dinner available 5 to 6:30 p.m.



Hear from nonprofit leaders, advocates and experts. What are barriers to economic

stability? What are success stories we can build on? For details, contact [Carla Leaf](#), director of mission and outreach.

**\* Session One, March 8 - The Unavoidable Burden of our Neighbors**

Darren Ash, former director of Charlotte Family Housing, and Laura Belcher, CEO of Habitat Charlotte, will talk about predatory lending, the importance of education and issues surrounding housing and mobility. Darren now leads a financial education and lending nonprofit for low-wage families.

**\* Session Two, March 15 - The Underbelly of Growth and Development**

Greg Jarrell, director of QC Family Tree; Julie Porter of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership; and Mack McDonald, CEO of Renaissance West will talk about the impact of gentrification on our neighborhoods and how the lack of affordable housing threatens the health of real people.

**\* Session Three, March 22 - The Difference a Home Makes**

Boris Henderson, a Charlotte native who grew up in a working class neighborhood, will talk about the importance of children growing up in stable homes. Laura Belcher of Habitat will join him.

**\* Session Four, March 29 - And Who is My Neighbor?**

Liz Clasen-Kelly of the Men's Shelter of Charlotte; Stephen Smith of Charlotte Family Housing; Deronda Metz of Salvation Army's Center of Hope; and Blake Bourne of Charlotte Bridge Home will talk about caring for men, women, families and veterans who live at or below the poverty line.

**\* Session Five, April 5 - Heeding the Call to Neighborliness**

How do we as individuals, churches and communities respond?

Suggested reading to support the series: Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis, by JD Vance Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City, by Matthew Desmond

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