

Clergy of Color Virtual Retreat 2021

**Connect with one another
and with God.**



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**Facilitators & Teachers:
Rev. Brandon Wrencher
Erica Wrencher**

Lament

Friday, March 5th from 1 – 3 pm

Solidarity Across Difference

Friday, March 12th from 1 – 3 pm

Healing

Friday, March 19th from 1 – 3pm

**There will be some offline activities
and engagements between sessions.*



Erica Wrencher is a public educator, speaker, vocalist, and activist working with young folx, churches, and neighborhoods to build beloved communities. Her teaching and faith-rooted community leadership spans urban and rural contexts in North Carolina and Chicago. Erica holds a Bachelor of Arts in History, a

Master of Arts in Teaching, and she is currently pursuing a PhD in Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations. She is active as an organizer for racial equity and justice and considers herself a human connection educator. Erica is committed to speaking from her context as a Black woman who is rooted in history and truth, including a love for and commitment to the teachings of that brown-skinned refugee Jesus.

She enjoys singing, eating good food and drinking good wine with her community and family.

Erica is married to her best friend Brandon and they are the parents of two sons, Phillip and Morris.

Brandon Wrencher is a minister, organizer, writer, and trainer. He works across the US within faith, education, and non-profit sectors at the intersections of decolonizing church, contemplative activism, and local presence to build beloved communities. Brandon's latest venture is starting Good Neighbor Movement (GNM) with a team of neighbors and friends. GNM, based in Greensboro, NC, is a multiracial, queer-affirming, Black-led alternative spiritual community that is a network of city villages and porch life communities engaged in worship, activism, and community organizing. Brandon is a full connection elder in the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church and serves on several local and national faith-based and social justice committees and boards. Brandon holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from UNC-Chapel Hill, a Master of Divinity from North Park Theological Seminary, and completed post-graduate studies in theology and ethics from Duke Divinity School. Rooted in his formation in the Black Church, Brandon's visionary leadership has spanned rural, small town, and urban communities in North Carolina and Chicago. He writes for Sojourners, The Other Journal, Missio Alliance and other publications. Brandon is a teaching faculty with Neighborhood Seminary, coach with V3 Church Planting Movement and Cyclical Inc., and facilitator with Faith Matters Network. Brandon is part of the Liberating Church Project, a research collaborative decolonizing new and established expressions of church, that has a forthcoming book *Liberating Church: A 21st Century Hush Harbor Manifesto* (self-published). Brandon also writes for Sojourners, The Other Journal, Missio Alliance and other publications. He has two other forthcoming books with Baker Academic, *Grassroots Church* (2021) and *Justice: Gathering for a New World* (2022). Brandon is married to his best friend and high school sweetheart Erica, who is a cultural and social justice educator. They have two sons Phillip (7) and Morris (4).

