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### What to Read this Week

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## *Voices*



## The Year Topsy-Turvy Became Normal

A lot of things have changed in the last five months. Not just a little, but a lot. I don't think it's an overreach to say 2020 is the year topsy-turvy became normal!

*By Bishop Gary Mueller*

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## Nothing Can Be Changed Until It Is Faced

James Baldwin once wrote: "Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced"

These words written many years ago have not lost their relevance or intuitive foresight as we are faced with addressing the issues of systemic racism.



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## **New Perspectives Can Lead to Changed Hearts**

I tend to think that I pay close attention to injustices in the world and try to speak out against these injustices when I can, but something about these most recent deaths really took the conversation to a new level, not just in the United States but around the world.

*By Caleb Hennington*

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## *Stories*



## Cross-Racial, Cross-Cultural Appointments Offer A Chance To Grow In Understanding and Compassion

According to GCORR, “Cross-racial and cross-cultural (CR/CC) ministry settings are those congregations whose membership is different than their pastors,” such as a Black clergy member leading a white church, or a Native American clergy member leading a Hispanic church.

Read what two Arkansas clergy members have learned leading a congregation that differs from their race, culture or ethnicity.

*By Caleb Hennington*

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## Solid Tips for Creating A Healthy Online Presence

Whether we like it or not, people are watching what church leaders are saying; especially online!

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healthy online presence and brand.

By Amy Ezell

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