

# CHALLENGING CHRISTIAN SILENCE REGARDING THE GAZA GENOCIDE

Moderated by Karlene Griffiths Sekou







**Shane Claiborne** 











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- The session is being recorded; plan accordingly.
- Q&A is towards the end; please utilize the chat function.
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### **Opening Prayer**

Rev. Fahed Abu Akel (PCAP)



### **Moderator**

**Karlene Griffiths Sekou** is founder and Executive Director of Kindah-Ase Global Village. Rooted in Jamaica, this organization focuses on healing justice, social development, and cultivating connections and joy across diaspora. Her work extends internationally as a healer, strategist, public speaker, and community organizer with the Black Lives Matter movement. As a minister and preacher, Rev. Karlene has a graduate degree from Harvard Divinity School and commenced doctoral study in Religion, Gender, and Culture at Harvard University.

She has worked for more than three decades in the U.S and across borders in public health centering community health, equity, and health as a human right. When masses of Black people took to the streets in Ferguson, Missouri after the murder of Michael Brown, she answered the call for spiritual leaders, who placed their bodies on the line for justice and liberation. Her life pivoted deeply to centering direct action, Afro-indigenous healing, and ritual practices of deep connection and joy which are essential to Black liberation. Her work is anchored by embodiment and ritual practices as spiritual and political tools.

### **Presenters**

**Munther Isaac** is the pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem, academic dean at Bethlehem Bible College, and the director of the Christ at the Checkpoint conferences. His latest book is The Other Side of the Wall: A Palestinian Christian Narrative of Lament and Hope. Last December, Rev. Isaac's delivered a passionate Christmas sermon, "Christ in the Rubble," in which he bitterly decried the failure of Christian leaders, especially in the West, to stand with the Palestinians against the ongoing genocide in Gaza.

**Shane Claiborne** is a prominent speaker, activist, and best-selling author. Shane worked with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, and he founded The Simple Way in Philadelphia. He heads up Red Letter Christians, a movement of folks who are committed to living "as if Jesus meant the things he said." Shane is a champion for grace which has led him to jail advocating for the homeless, and to places like Iraq and Afghanistan to stand against war. Now grace fuels his passion to end the death penalty and help stop gun violence.



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