Presents: Hope in the Midst of Despair

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The month of February is designated annually in America as Black History Month, which I celebrate daily. Black History Month in 2021 is like none I've experienced in my 72 years. In this session we will examine how two pandemics have created anguish, pain and despair in our nation, particularly within the Black community, and exposed the deep dichotomy between Black and White America. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on the Black community with its wide swath of serious illness and death. COVID-19 has also completely ripped the covers off healthcare disparities and structural racism. In the making decades before the appearance of COVID, the second pandemic of racial injustice, systemic oppression, police brutality and anti-Blackness has caused immeasurable and lasting pain in Black communities. This has sustained economic distress, the murder of unarmed Blacks, the growing school to prison pipeline, and the mass incarceration of Black males. This webinar will also challenge each of us to consider how we can nurture hope and be part of the solutions in the midst of such despair. We will discuss ways to tap into the core of our humanity to become aware and take ownership of our contributions or reactions to societal norms that have put a damper on the celebration of Black History. Hopefully, this heart-to-heart talk will ignite self-reflection that leads to a personal commitment to help dismantle the systems of racial advantage and oppression and work towards positive change within our country.

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