



## DAYS OF DIALOGUE: A SOUTHERN CITY SPEAKS

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Happy New Years, 2023

As the New Years begins, I am writing you and the organization to which you belong or represent to invite you and the members to attend a compelling event. **The Days of Dialogue: A Southern City Speaks** begins January 21, 2023, and continues through April 30, 2023. It is an initiative that has been organized to provide an opportunity for people in the region to gather, speak, and listen to one and another in ways that could possibly change the way we see and understand ourselves and others.

**The Days of Dialogue: A Southern City Speaks** starts with a presentation of Incognito, a play written by Michael Fosberg who also stars in this one act play that retells his search to find his roots. It's a modern day tale that could happen to any person. The show is being presented twice on Saturday, January 21: once in the morning from 10:00am to 12:30 pm, and once in the evening from 5:00 to 7:30 pm, thus providing convenient times for all between the ages of Junior High students through Senior Citizens to attend. It will be presented at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 800 South Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN, and registration is required. This event is entirely free and open to the public.

After the initial presentation, there will be free materials available at [www.asoutherncityspeaks.org](http://www.asoutherncityspeaks.org) to help people from your organization engage in discussions and dialogues that will enable them to better know and understand each other. There will also be discussion guides and assistance from people who have participated in a variety of activities that have been helpful in starting these important dialogues. The project will end April 30, 2023 with a large activity that documents what teams and organizations have started to nurture and grow these enriching activities. Plans are underway to invite Mr. Fosberg back to Knoxville to participate in this event.

These times are quite difficult for many and it is believed that the capacity to listen, hear, and speak coherently will make any group or organization more productive, viable, and inclusive. Everyone is invited to participate. Businesses, arts organizations, book clubs, exercise groups, law firms, colleges, schools, teachers, firemen, civic groups, cultural groups, and anyone who is interested in creating a more productive and inclusive society is invited to attend.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Peters, Chair  
Days of Dialogue: A Southern City Speaks  
Becoming Beloved Community,  
Episcopal Church of the Ascension