Dear friends,
This year the Greater Rochester Community of Churches Faith in Action Network will hold a virtual feast - **A Place at the Table: Abundance Shared** - on October 21. The Parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke chapter 14 is our guiding text for the future we believe God is calling us to. Please save the date. More information will follow. But first. . .

To prepare us for our feast, we'll look more closely at the biblical texts. We are delighted to introduce you to Dr. Hilary Jerome Scarsella, Assistant Professor of Ethics and Director of Women and Gender Studies at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. On Thursday, September 24 at 7 p.m., Dr. Scarsella will present “**A Place at the Table: Nourishment for the Struggle.**” You can register for it below.

Dr. Scarsella writes:  
"**We are living in a time of heightened struggle. As a society and as members of the Rochester community, we are struggling for racial justice, for health and well-being in the midst of a pandemic, for an end to sexual and gendered forms of violence, for interreligious respect and friendship, for a future that is environmentally safe for our children, and more.**"  

Join us as Dr. Scarsella reflects on the challenges we face as a community, the toll that persistent struggle takes on those most impacted by injustice and on Christian and Jewish feast-themed texts from the Gospel of Luke 14 and Psalm 23. These writings "**audaciously suggest there is a table where the weary can find nourishment, rest, and strength that enables their righteous work of struggle to continue.**"

You will have the opportunity in real time to ask questions and reflect on this talk. You can register for this event at this address. Please share this notification with your friends. It should be a rich evening.  
[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x3BsjtzDRHuiDkfdtLIFYg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x3BsjtzDRHuiDkfdtLIFYg)
Or you can email out Administrator, the Rev. Debbie Grohman, at grcc1@frontiernet.net

We are grateful for you all,

Richard Myers, GRCC FIAN Spirituality Team