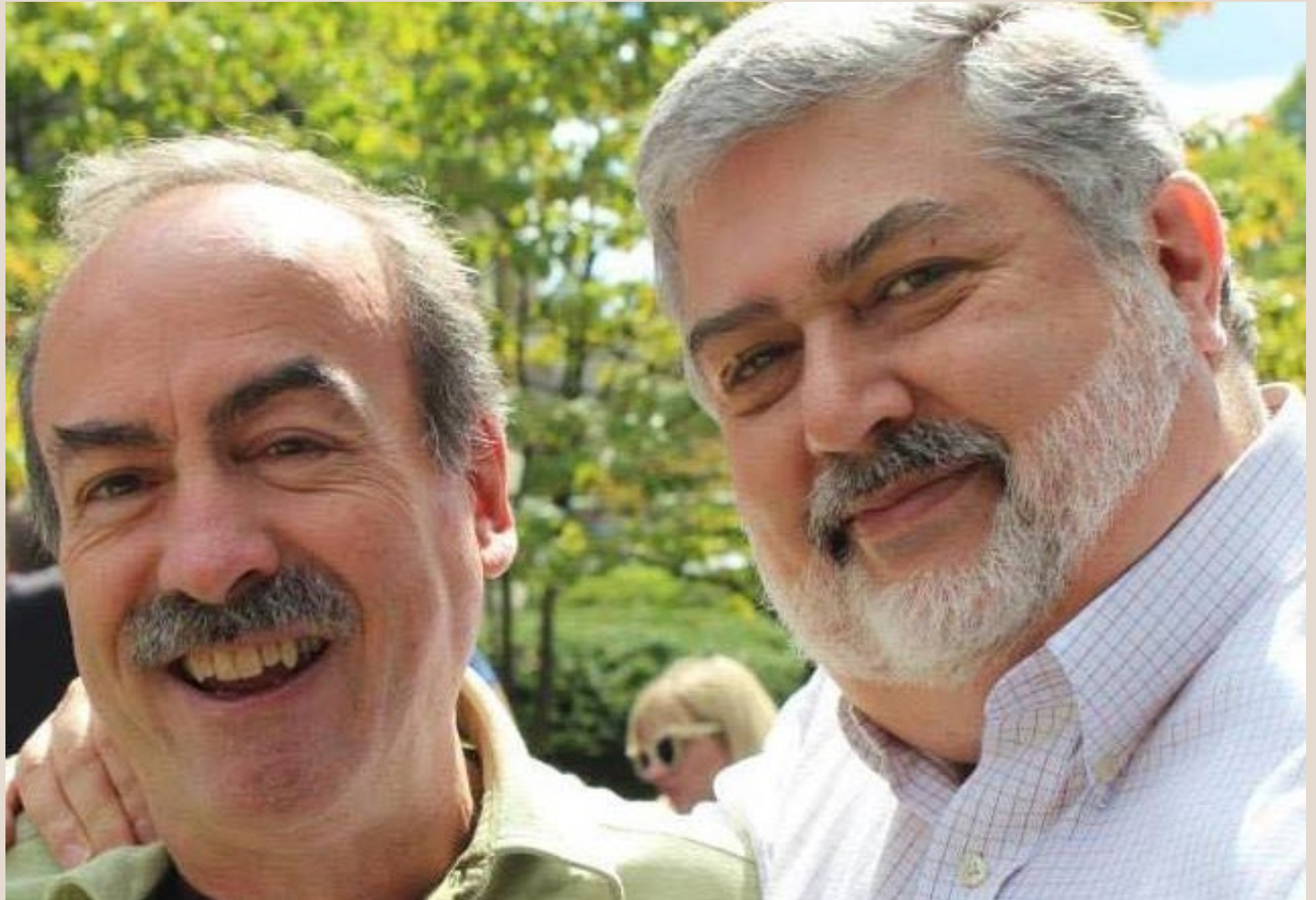


I confess, I profess



Seen –  
A Simple Act of  
Equality





“The truth shall set you free,”  
said Jesus.  
--John 8:32





After 41 Years ...  
freedom from fear,  
real joy!



***United Methodist clergy  
charged over blessing  
same-gender couples and  
weddings***

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**Rev. Jimmy Creech**

**Rev. Frank Schaeffer**

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**Rev. Gregory Dell**

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Ogletree**

**Rev. Amy DeLong**



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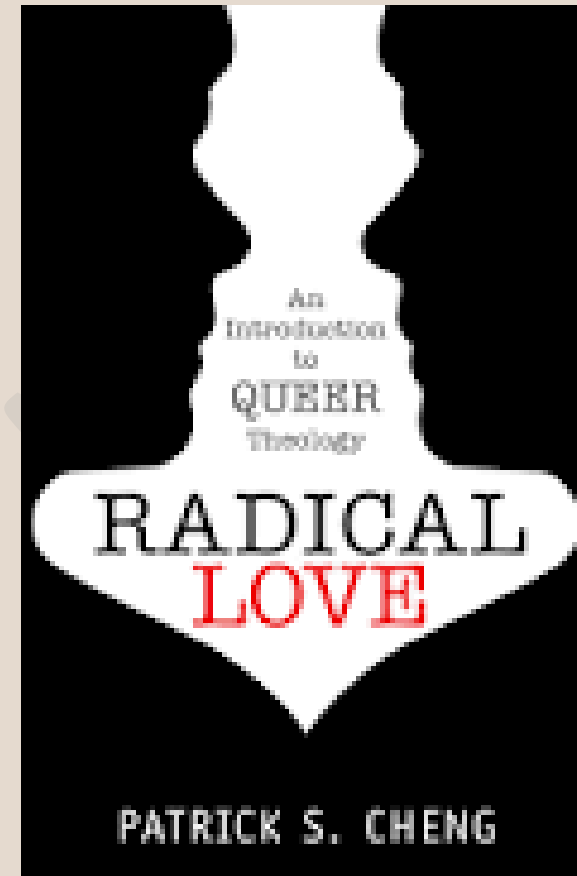
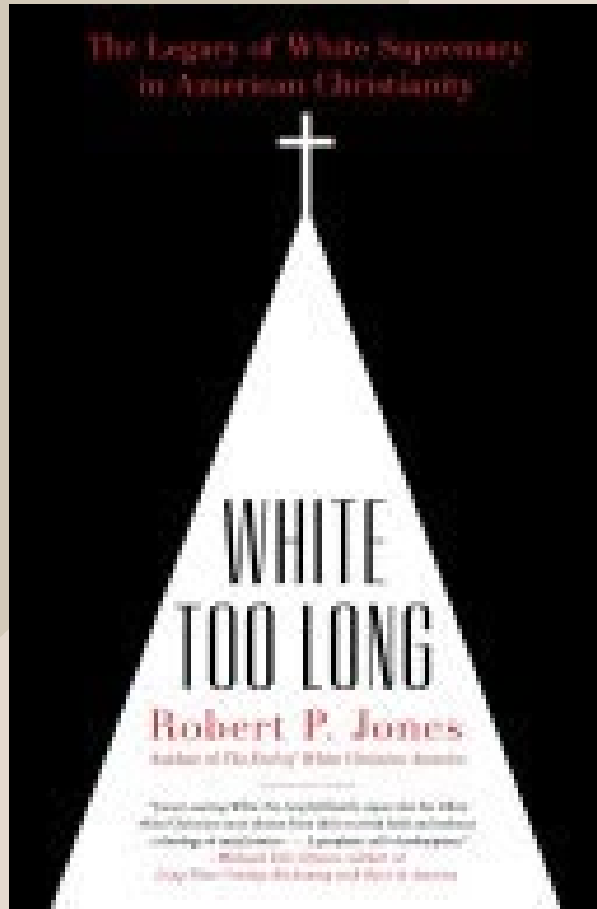
Being “perfected in love” is a distinctive Methodist construct for the process of sanctifying grace.

John Wesley, 18<sup>th</sup> c. thought leader for the Methodist movement, encouraged the followers of Jesus to have “a heart habitually filled with love.”

It has personal and collective import.  
It has a personal and public context.

Love looks like freedom, equality, and justice.

Always reforming the church and its message . . .





On billboards, in churches, on streets,  
in defense, in challenge, with  
legislation, and at election ...

**No matter what**

**the TV preacher**   **the politician**   **the world**  
**your diagnosis**   **your income**   **social media**

**says about you,**

**you are a beloved child of God.**



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