

VOYAGES OF THE IMAGINATION

World Storytelling Day 2020

Thursday, April 16, 6-9 p.m.

"If I can hear your story, it's harder for me to hate you."

Our stories celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of innovative Italian educator Gianni Rodari. His *Grammar of Fantasy*, translated by folklorist Jack Zipes, encourages imagination in education. We are also cognizant that Einstein said: "Imagination is more important than knowledge." And we believe that too often those most imaginative and creative are dismissed by dominant culture as "crazy" or "down and out."

6:00 p.m. RECEPTION and INFORMATION TABLING with STORY ARTS MN, BLACK STORYTELLERS ALLIANCE, PLYMOUTH STROBEL DROP-IN, PLYMOUTH OUTREACH, and other organizations reflecting Plymouth Church's extensive social justice outreach in areas of mental health, racism, homelessness, gun violence, environment, education and more.

7 p.m. OUR STORYTELLERS

HANNAH CAMPBELL GUSTAFSON: Outreach Coordinator for Plymouth Church

BARBARA HAVERBERG: World's Best Public Transit User and Strobel Drop-in Participant to the Max

LARRY JOHNSON: Strobel Drop-in Coordinator; World Storytelling Day Organizer; author of *Sixty-One* and Winner of 2019 Veterans Voices Award from the Mn Humanities Center

TONY WENTERSDORF: Musician/Storyteller; Bob Dylan Sound-Alike Contest winner; speaker for NAMI

JACK ZIPES: U of M Professor Emeritus; originator of Children's Theatre Neighborhood Bridges program; internationally known authority on storytelling and folklore; author, editor, translator of over 50 books.

NOTHANDO ZULU: Director of Black Storytellers Alliance and the annual Minnesota Signifyin' and Testifyin' Black Storytellers Festival.

The public is invited to this Plymouth Strobel Drop-in Center event. Free admission and free ample parking. Questions? Please contact Larry Johnson, 612-977-1282 or larryjvfp@gmail.com

Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis is located between LaSalle and Nicollet, on Franklin Avenue. Please use the entry door in parking lot facing LaSalle between Franklin and 19th Street.

Available to all, *The Second Book of Strobel Drop-in*, a collection of imaginative, creative work of drop-in participants.

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