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Rev. Gebbie has advanced degrees in sociology and divinity, with a focus on inequality in both. Prior to parish ministry, she taught about race/ethnicity and gender at the University of Illinois, worked in community organizing, and ran a Habitat for Humanity affiliate.

Abdullah Muhammad is a consultant, antiracist educator, and workshop facilitator. He brings a wealth of expertise from his work with families, businesses, teams, and communities. His experience spans the fields of social work, counseling, public administration, business, marketing, education, and ministry over the last 25 years. As a facilitator and educator, Abdul has proven skill in engaging workshop participants from all walks of life.

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Josie Taylor, an Ames High School senior, plans to study nursing after she graduates. She enjoys participating in band and choir as well as cross country in the fall and spring soccer. In the past few years Josie has become really interested in racial and gender equality. *White Fragility* taught her a lot that she'd like to discuss while also learning from others. Her favorite thing to do is to hang out and to talk with her four siblings.

James Webb has been an English teacher at Ames High School since 2000. Originally from Sacramento, California, he earned his MA in literature from Iowa State University. He teaches English 11, AP Literature and Composition, Yearbook, and Activism and Social Justice. James also serves as a Model Teacher, a Mentor Teacher, and as sponsor of Mental Health Club. Lisa, his wife of 23 years, works with special needs students at Roland-Story High School, where his son, Xander, is a sophomore. His daughter, Ashley, is a freshman at UNI.



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