

# The Impact of *Disenfranchised* *Grief* on African American Communities



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When:  
**Thursday, November 16, 2023**  
8:30 am to 11:30 am

Where:  
**Collingwood Presbyterian Church**  
2108 Collingwood Boulevard  
Toledo, OH 43620  
(parking on Floyd Street)

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Disenfranchised grief occurs when a loss is stigmatized or socially invalidated. At times, the stigmatization of grief is intertwined, consciously or unconsciously, in racial bias and racist ideology, resulting in a lack of empathy for the bereaved.

Therefore, empathic failures (or the lack of empathy) can negatively influence grief support of African Americans, who have faced discrimination throughout US history. This presentation will identify how African American grief is disenfranchised, its effect on African American communities, and culturally attuned practices that increase grief support for African Americans.

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