



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
Invites you to its meeting **July 17, 2019** at 11:00 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

## **Nelson Tebbe**

### **“The Supreme Court Decision in the Bladensburg Cross Case: Government Expression and Religious Equality”**



Should the government be permitted to exhibit Christian symbols and monuments? Do such displays violate the principle of separation of church and state? Constitutional law scholar Nelson Tebbe will discuss these questions in light of the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the Bladensburg Peace Cross, a forty-foot monument that stands on public land in Maryland. Professor Tebbe will examine how the court has interpreted the First Amendment and particularly the Establishment Clause, which prohibits the government from favoring or establishing one religion over another. The decision is significant as an indicator of how the Court will understand the relationship between church and state going forward.

Professor Tebbe teaches courses on the First Amendment and general constitutional law at Cornell Law School. He just finished a sabbatical year, which he spent as a Laurance Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellow at the University Center for Human Values at Princeton University. He holds a B.A. degree from Brown University, a J.D. from Yale Law School and a Ph.D. with distinction from the University of Chicago Divinity School. Before entering teaching, he clerked for Hon. John M. Walker of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, worked for the American Civil Liberties Union and was an associate at Davis Polk and Wardwell. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. He is the author of a recent book, *Religious Freedom in an Egalitarian Age*, published by Harvard University Press.

Following his presentation Professor Tebbe will lead a community discussion group at the Greenwich Library 2:00-3:30 p.m. on “The Supreme Court’s Legitimacy in an Era of Polarized Politics.” Contact the library to register for the discussion group.

**Next Week: July 24, Veronica Bilenkin**, Consumer Health Librarian at the Dr. Steven Mickley Consumer Health Library at Greenwich Hospital, **"Researching Personal Health Issues."** *The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40 a.m. followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00 a.m. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Avenue in Greenwich. For additional information see [www.greenwichrma.org](http://www.greenwichrma.org) or contact [info@greenwichrma.org](mailto:info@greenwichrma.org)*