

## Anti-Racism Resources

*Read Aloud Playlist - Recommended by On Earth Peace*

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLF8eTiKnYWzyfmdio08rh1bnDcGDHaXsQ>

Q. Some on anti-racism specifically include:

--Love Will See You Through

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r59O-watlwM&list=PLF8eTiKnYWzyfmdio08rh1bnDcGDHaXsQ&index=12>

--Something Happened in Our Town

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=foTBWRxTHJ0&list=PLF8eTiKnYWzyfmdio08rh1bnDcGDHaXsQ&index=18>

--Not My Idea A Book About Whiteness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpD5-q2f5E4&list=PLF8eTiKnYWzyfmdio08rh1bnDcGDHaXsQ&index=23>

### **Children and Race**

*Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America*  
book

This book by Jennifer Harvey is written for families, churches, educators, and communities who want to equip their children to be active and able participants in a society that is becoming one of the most racially diverse in the world while remaining full of racial tensions.

A five-part series about building a better school system and what gets in the way, with a focus on race. Includes a discussion guide.

*It's Okay to Be Different* - Todd Parr  
book

This book shares the importance of acceptance, understanding and confidence.

*Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up to Become Malcolm X* - Ilyasah Shabazz  
book

Written by Malcolm X's daughter, this book tells the story of the boy who became one of the most influential leaders.

*Let's Talk About Race* - Julius Leste  
book

Lester tells his story and discusses what makes us all special.

*The Undeclared* - Kwame Alexander  
Book

The award-winning picture book, based on a poem by Alexander and with illustrations by Kadir Nelson, chronicles the struggles and triumphs of black Americans.

*Let it Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters* - Andrea Davis Pinkney  
Book

This book tells the stories of courageous black women who fought against oppression, including Rosa Parks, Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman.

*The Story of Ruby Bridges* - Robert Coles  
Book

This tells the story of the first African American child to integrate a school in New Orleans.

*Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice* - Marianne Celano  
Book

Marietta Collins and Ann Hazzard: The story follows a white family and a black family discussing a police shooting of a black man in their town, and aims to answer children's questions about these kinds of events and to inspire them to challenge racial injustice.

*My Hair is a Garden* - Cozbi A. Cabrera  
Book

When a girl named Mackenzie is taunted by classmates about her hair, a neighbor shows her the true beauty of natural black hair.

*Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* - Duncan Tonatiuh  
Book

Nearly 10 years before Brown vs. Board of Education, an American citizen of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage was denied entry into a "whites only" school, which led her parents to organize the Hispanic community and file a lawsuit. This ultimately ended segregated education in California.

*Blended* - Sharon Draper  
book

This story about 11-year-old Isabella's blended family explores themes like divorce and racial identity.

*Young Water Protectors: A Story About Standing Rock* - Aslan Tudor, Kelly Tudor and Jason EagleSpeaker

book

A few months after 8-year-old Aslan came to North Dakota to try and stop a pipeline, he returned to find the world was now watching.

*My Family Divided: One Girl's Journey of Home, Loss, and Hope* - Diane Guerrero and Erica Moroz

book

Actress Diane Guerrero tells the story of her undocumented immigrant parents being taken from their home, detained and deported when she was a child in Boston.

*The Other Side* - Jacqueline Woodson

book

Two girls form a friendship atop a fence that separates the segregated African American side of town from the white side. The book is illustrated by E.B. Lewis.

*We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga* - Traci Sorell

book

A citizen of the Cherokee Nation tells the story of modern Native American life.

*Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library* - Carole Boston Weatherford

book

This book tells the story of Arturo Schomburg, who loved to collect books, letters, music and art from Africa and the African diaspora and to shed light on the achievements of people of African descent. His collection ultimately made it to the New York Public Library, and is now known as the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

*Lailah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story* - Reem Faruqi

book

When Lailah is enrolled in a new school in a new country, she's worried her classmates won't understand why she isn't joining them in the lunchroom during Ramadan.

*The Day You Begin* - Jacqueline Woodson

book

The book, with art by Rafael López, is about how to be brave and find connection with others, even when you feel alone and scared.

*Intersection Allies: We Make Room for All* - Chelsea Johnson, LaToya Council and Carolyn Choi  
book

Nine characters share their stories and backgrounds in this book celebrating allyship and community.

## **History of Race/Racism**

*Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* - Isabel Wilkerson  
book

Isabel Wilkerson presents a portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America. This book explores through immersive, deeply researched narrative stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.

*The Warmth of Other Suns*- Isabel Wilkerson  
book

This book chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities in search of a better life. It is told through the stories of three different African-American individuals and their families.

*This History is Long, This History is Deep* – Isabel Wilkerson  
podcast

Isabel Wilkerson This history is long, this history is deep. June 18, 2020, Krista Tippett On Being podcast. Wilkerson talks about her books *Caste* and *The Warmth of Other Suns*.

*Why are All the Black Kids sitting Together in the Cafeteria* - Beverly Daniel Tatum  
book

Walk into any racially mixed high school and you will see Black, White, and Latino youth clustered in their own groups. Is this self-segregation a problem to address or a coping strategy? Tatum, a renowned authority on the psychology of racism, argues that straight talk about our racial identities is essential if we are serious about enabling communication across racial and ethnic divides.

*Reconstruction: America after the Civil War*  
PBS documentary - Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Explores the transformative years following the Civil War, when the nation struggled to rebuild itself. The twelve years that composed the post-war Reconstruction era (1865-77) witnessed a seismic shift in the meaning and makeup of our democracy, with millions of former slaves and free black people seeking out their rightful place as equal citizens under the law.

*The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross*  
 PBS documentary - Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Explores the evolution of the African-American people, as well as the multiplicity of cultural institutions, political strategies, and religious and social perspectives they developed - forging their own history, culture and society against unimaginable odds.

*Africa's Greatest Civilizations*  
 PBS - Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Five episodes look at millennia of African cultures and civilizations, some predating European empires and cultures and their profound effect on politics, trade and civilizations around the world.

*Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow* -  
 Henry Louis Gates, Jr.  
 book

The abolition of slavery in the aftermath of the Civil War is a familiar story, as is the civil rights revolution that transformed the nation after World War II. But the century in between remains a mystery: if emancipation sparked "a new birth of freedom" in Lincoln's America, why was it necessary to march in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s America? In this new book, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., one of our leading chroniclers of the African-American experience, seeks to answer that question in a history that moves from the Reconstruction Era to the "nadir" of the African-American experience under Jim Crow, through to World War I and the Harlem Renaissance.

*Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619 - 2019.* - Eds.  
 Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain  
 book

*Four Hundred Souls* is a unique one-volume "community" history of African Americans. The editors, Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain have assembled ninety brilliant writers, each of whom takes on a five-year period of that four-hundred-year span. The writers explore their periods through a variety of techniques: historical essays, short stories, personal vignettes, and fiery polemics. They approach history from various perspectives: through the eyes of towering historical icons or the untold stories of ordinary people; through places, laws, and objects. This collection of diverse pieces from ninety different minds, reflecting ninety different perspectives, fundamentally deconstructs the idea that Africans in America are a monolith.

*How the word is passed: A reckoning with the history of slavery across America*  
by Clint Smith  
book

Beginning in his own hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader through an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks—those that are honest about the past and those that are not—that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation's collective history, and ourselves.

1619 - podcast hosted by Nicole Hannah-Jones

A New York Times audio series that explores the story of how slavery has touched every aspect of our country in the past 400 years.

### **Personal Perspectives of Black Persons**

*Choosing to be Black and Brethren*  
sermon (audio recording and/or printed transcript)

[www.hacob.org/worship/sermons](http://www.hacob.org/worship/sermons)

Dr. Eric Bishop shares his conflict in being black and Brethren in this sermon given at the Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren on February 24, 2019.

*Isabel Wilkerson wants to change how we understand race in America*  
podcast

The Ezra Klein Show podcast, August 24, 2020. Isabel Wilkerson is interviewed by Ezra Klein and discusses her background work for writing *Caste* and *The Warmth of Other Suns*.

*Between the World and Me – Ta-Nahisi Coates*  
book

The author asks the questions: What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden? He attempts to answer these questions in the form of a letter to his adolescent son.

*Black People Are Tired.*  
video

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) (search “black people are tired”)

This short five-minute video by Red Letter Christians is a very moving memorial to all those who have been stolen from us. This poem was mentioned by Wendy McFadden in the letter from the publisher in the June 2020 Messenger magazine.

<https://youtu.be/IVOYv-bd8OA>

*Colored People - Memoir by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.*  
book

In a coming-of-age story as enchantingly vivid and ribald as anything Mark Twain or Zora Neale Hurston, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., recounts his childhood in the mill town of Piedmont, West Virginia, in the 1950s and 1960s and ushers readers into a gossip, of lye-and-mashed-potato “processes,” and of slyly stubborn resistance to the indignities of segregation.

*Breathe: A Letter to my Sons - Imani Perry*  
book

Emotionally raw and deeply reflective, Imani Perry issues an unflinching challenge to society to see Black children as deserving of humanity. She admits fear and frustration for her African American sons in a society that is increasingly racist and at times seems irredeemable. However, as a mother, feminist, writer, and intellectual, Perry offers an unfettered expression of love—finding beauty and possibility in life—and she exhorts her children and their peers to find the courage to chart their own paths and find steady footing and inspiration in Black tradition.

*Just Us - Claudia Rankine*  
book

“Fantasies cost lives” Rankine writes in her book, a collection of essays and poems (and accompanying data graphs, photos, screenshots of social media posts and video stills) regarding all the ways preconceived notions of race take up residency in one’s thoughts.

*I’m still here: Black dignity in a world made for whiteness.* By Austin Channing Brown  
book

*I’m Still Here* is a powerful account of how and why our actions so often fall short of our words. Austin writes in breathtaking detail about her journey to self-worth and the pitfalls that kill our attempts at racial justice, in stories that bear witness to the complexity of America’s social fabric—from Black Cleveland neighborhoods to private schools in the middle-class suburbs, from prison walls to the boardrooms at majority-white organizations.

## **Impact of Racism**

*The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together—*  
Heather McGhee  
Book

A brilliant analysis of how we arrived here: divided and self-destructing, materially rich but spiritually starved and vastly unequal. McGhee marshals economic and sociological research to paint an irrefutable story of racism’s costs, but at the

heart of the book are the humble stories of people yearning to be part of a better America, including white supremacy's collateral victims: white people themselves. With startling empathy, this heartfelt message from a Black woman to a multiracial America leaves us with a new vision for a future in which we finally realize that life can be more than a zero-sum game.

*The Color of Money, Washington Post column written by Black journalist Michelle Singletary*

A wide variety of columns about race as well as race and money. See the complete list of columns.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/people/michelle-singletary/>

*White Rage: The unspoken truth of our racial divide* by Carol Andersen  
book

As Ferguson, Missouri, erupted in August 2014, and media commentators across the ideological spectrum referred to the angry response of African Americans as "black rage," historian Carol Anderson wrote a remarkable op-ed in *The Washington Post* suggesting that this was, instead, "white rage at work. With so much attention on the flames," she argued, "everyone had ignored the kindling." From the Civil War to our combustible present, *White Rage* reframes our continuing conversation about race, chronicling the powerful forces opposed to black progress in America

*United Shades of America* – hosted by W. Kamau Bell  
CNN program

W. Kamau Bell travels American and explores race-based subcultures, incarceration and more. His interviews include Ku Klux Klan members, activists, and a variety of marginalized peoples as he highlights their struggles and successes.

*Why I'm no longer talking to white people about race* by Reni Eddo-Lodge  
book

The book that sparked a national conversation. Exploring everything from eradicated black history to the inextricable link between class and race, *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race* is the essential handbook for anyone who wants to understand race relations in Britain today.

*Franchise: the golden arches in Black America* by Marcia Chatelain  
Book

From civil rights to Ferguson, **Franchise** reveals the untold history of how fast food became one of the greatest generators of black wealth in America



## **Anti-Racism**

*How to Be an Anti-Racist - Ibram X. Kendi*  
book

Kendi presents a theory of anti-racism, a system of ideas and policies that fight racial inequity. Kendi now understands how misguided he was as a teenager about racism and full of stereotypes. He blamed Black people for racial inequities that were really caused by policy. Kendi presents clear definitions of terms and personal stories to illustrate both white and Black prejudice.

*Stamped from the Beginning - Ibram X. Kendi*  
book

Kendi uses the life stories of five major American intellectuals to offer a window into the contentious debates between assimilationists and segregationists and between racists and antiracists.

*Biased: uncovering the hidden prejudice that shapes what we see – Jennifer L. Eberhart, PhD.*  
book

Dr. Jennifer Eberhardt offers us the language and courage we need to face one of the biggest and most troubling issues of our time. She exposes racial bias at all levels of society—in our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and criminal justice system. Yet she also offers us tools to address it. Eberhardt shows us how we can be vulnerable to bias but not doomed to live under its grip. Racial bias is a problem that we all have a role to play in solving.

## **Generational Trauma**

*Unchained: Generational Trauma and Healing*  
documentary

A one-hour documentary by Life Focus TV that examines the lingering trauma handed down from the American slavery system. Men and women describe how they broke the emotional chains passed down from their slave ancestors. Others demonstrate the moral courage needed to face their own racial attitudes. In this film, all viewers face the roots of American racism and the processes that usher lasting reconciliation.

*My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized trauma and the pathway to mending our heart and bodies - Resmaa Menakem*  
book

Menakem, who is a therapist, examines the damage caused by racism in America from the perspective of trauma and body-centered psychology. New and emerging science informs us that racial trauma as any other trauma lives on in the body for generations. It affects white and Black people. This book is a call to action.

*Notice the Rage; Notice the silence - Resmaa Menakem.*  
podcast

On Being with Krista Tippett, June 3, 2020. Therapist and trauma specialist Resmaa Menakem is working with old wisdom and very new science about our bodies and nervous systems and how we hold trauma in our bodies.

## **White Privilege/White Supremacy**

*White Privilege: A Black and White Issue?*  
article and associated podcast

<https://www.patheos.com> (search on the website for “a black and white issue”)

The following video interview is helpful if you are a pastor trying to learn how to discuss the topic in an ideologically mixed and/or predominantly white church setting. Even if you have worked hard all your life to get where you are and have never looked at anyone negatively based on the color of their skin, there’s something here for you.

*White Privilege: Where do we go from here?*  
article and associated podcast

Louis Metzger leads a conversation with a diverse group of guests on next steps to recognize white as a color and then address white privilege in the church.

[https://www.patheos.com/blogs/uncommongodcommongood/2020/08/white-privilege-where-do-we-go-from-here/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Sharing+the+Gospel&utm\\_content=46](https://www.patheos.com/blogs/uncommongodcommongood/2020/08/white-privilege-where-do-we-go-from-here/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Sharing+the+Gospel&utm_content=46)

*White Debt: reckoning with what is owed – and what can never be repaid – for racial privilege - Eula Biss*  
article

We white people are “moral debtors who act as material creditors.” This essay weaves together anecdotes and personal reflection with quotes from Nietzsche, James Baldwin, and Ta-Nehisi Coates, among others, all structured around language of cost, loan, debt and guilt. Biss likens the debt of white people to that of student debt or a mortgage, for certainly white people do not earn all that we have – wealth, privilege in the eyes of the law, access to resources of various kinds – though we like to pretend that we do.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/06/magazine/white-debt.html>

*Talking about Whiteness - Eula Biss*  
podcast

On Being podcast with Krista Tippett, June 11, 2020. The writer helpfully opens up lived words and ideas like “complacency”, “guilt” and “opportunity hoarding” for an urgent reckoning with whiteness. Based on her 2015 essay in the New York Times entitled “White Debt.”

*The Long View: On Being White - John Biewen*

*podcast*

On Being podcast with Krista Tippett, October, 29, 2020. An interview with journalist John Biewen on the stories of our families and home town, what it means to be human, and what it means to be white.

*Implicit Bias*

Module Series produced by the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Ohio State University [www.kirwinstitute.osu.edu](http://www.kirwinstitute.osu.edu) (search the website for "Implicit Bias Training Module")

This series of modules will introduce you to insights about how our minds operate and help you understand the origins of associations. You will also uncover some of your own biases and learn strategies for addressing them. Each module is divided into a short series of lessons, many taking less than 10 minutes to complete.

*White Fragility - Robin DiAngelo*  
*book*

Anger. Fear. Guilt. Denial. Silence. These are the ways in which ordinary white people react when it is pointed out to them that they have done or said something that has - unintentionally - caused racial offence or hurt. But these reactions only serve to silence people of colour, who cannot give honest feedback to 'liberal' white people lest they provoke a dangerous emotional reaction.

Robin DiAngelo coined the term 'White Fragility' in 2011 to describe this process and is here to show us how it serves to uphold the system of white supremacy. Using knowledge and insight gained over decades of running racial awareness workshops and working on this idea as a Professor of Whiteness Studies, she shows us how we can start having more honest conversations, listen to each other better and react to feedback with grace and humility.

*White Fragility*  
*Youtube*

University of Washington professor Dr. Robin DiAngelo reads from her book "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism," explains the phenomenon, and discusses how white people can develop their capacity to engage more constructively across race.

<https://youtu.be/45ey4jgoxeU>

*Message To White Allies From A Black Anti-Racism Expert: You're Doing It Wrong*

This article, based on thoughts from the Dalai Lama, gives suggestions for talking/listening constructively to white folks who disagree with us.

<https://www.whiteallytoolkit.com/news/2020/6/3/message-to-white-allies-from-a-black-anti-racism-expert-youre-doing-it-wrong>

*Tired of Talking About Privilege? You Have It. April, 19, 2021*

*Stuff That Needs to be Said --blog written by John Pavlovitz*

<https://johnpavlovitz.com/2021/04/19/tired-of-talking-about-privilege-you-have-it/>

## **Racial Justice and Restorative Justice**

*Toward Racial Justice*

*virtual conversation*

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) /Toward Racial Justice

A series of virtual community conversations broadcast by [witf.org](http://witf.org) addressing racism and injustice in Central Pennsylvania. Scroll down the page to access recorded conversations on systemic racism, racial trauma and mental health, racial inequality in education, race and housing, race and census.

*Love is the Motive - Bryan Stevenson*

*podcast*

*On Being* podcast with Krista Tippett, Dec. 3, 2020. An interview Bryan Stevenson, author of *Just Mercy*. Stevenson discusses how to embrace what's right and corrective, redemptive and restorative --and an insistence that each of us is more than the worst things we've done. Stevenson is the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama.

## **Brethren and Race**

*Message on Racism*

This brief letter by the Church of the Brethren General Secretary in *Brethren Newslines* on June 4, 2020, restates the Church of the Brethren stand against racism and calls the church to action.

[www.westminsterbrethren.org/message-on-racism](http://www.westminsterbrethren.org/message-on-racism)

*How Black Lives Matter is Changing the Church - Eliza Griswold*

*article*

As BLM has gained wider support, some conservative churches are beginning to engage with movements for social justice.

<http://www.tedxcolumbus.com/speakers-performers/2013-out-there/michelle-alexander/>

## **Religion and Race**

*White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity - Robert P. Jones.*

*book*

Jones presents the premise that white Christian churches have not just been complacent; they have not only been complicit; rather, as the dominant cultural power in America, they have been responsible for constructing and sustaining a project to protect white supremacy and resist black equality. This project has framed the entire American story.

*Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God – Kelly Brown Douglas*  
book

.The 2012 killing of Trayvon Martin, an African-American teenager in Florida In a time when nearly every institution (schools, churches, universities, businesses) claims to value diversity in its mission statement, Austin writes in breathtaking detail about her journey to self-worth and the pitfalls that kill our attempts at racial justice. On the Sunday morning following the verdict, black preachers around the country addressed the question, "Where is the justice of God? What are we to hope for?" This book is an attempt to take seriously social and theological questions raised by this and similar stories, and to answer black church people's questions of justice and faith in response to the call of God.

*Who Will Be a Witness? - Drew G.I. Hart*  
Book

The author provides incisive insights into scripture and history, along with illumination personal stories. To help us identify how the witness of the church has become mangled by Christendom, white supremacy, and religious nationalism. Hart provides a wide range of options for congregations seeking to give witness to Jesus; ethic of love for and solidarity with the vulnerable.

*Q & A from Nokesville CoB - Drew G. I. Hart*  
YouTube video

Drew Hart answers questions after his presentation at Nokesville Brethren Church

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GC5NpeCaZG0>

*The Black Church: This is our story, this is our song. - Henry Louis Gates, Jr.*  
Book

*PBS documentary*

Gates brilliantly shows, the Black church has never been only one thing. Its story lies at the vital center of the civil rights movement, and produced many of its leaders, from the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. on, but at the same time there have always been churches and sects that eschewed a more activist stance, even eschewed worldly political engagement altogether. That tension can be felt all the way to the Black Lives Matter movement and the work of today. Still and all, as a source of strength and a force for change, the Black church is at the center of the action at every stage of the American story, as this enthralling history makes vividly clear.

<https://www.pbs.org/show/black-church/>

*Confronting Segregated Sundays*  
 State of Independence – Rev. Joe Watkins  
 YouTube

In Pennsylvania's capital city of Harrisburg, there's a thriving church that's defying norms. It's conservative theologically—in their understanding and interpretation of Scripture—but it's one of the most internationally and racially diverse congregations in the state. As you might expect, Sunday mornings are anything but traditional. In this episode, Joe tackles a challenge first issued by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—to end the segregated Sunday experience of most American churches. GUEST: Mike Leonzo, Lead Pastor of Living Water Community Church.

<https://youtu.be/xJiXQmi6S2c>

*If your church is silent about racism—you should leave it.*  
*Stuff That Needs to be Said—blog written by John Pavlovitz*  
 April 16, 2021

<https://johnpavlovitz.com/?s=if+your+church+is+silent+about+racism>

*A Black Theology of Liberation – James Cone*  
 Book

The anniversary edition of this revolutionary work based on the African-American experience of oppression and the quest for liberation includes critical reflections by six leading theologians and Cone's response to these commentaries.

*The Cross and the Lynching Tree – James Cone*  
 Book

Reconciling the gospel message of liberation with the reality of black oppression and suffering during the lynching era

*White Evangelical Racism: The politics of morality in America by Anthea Butler*  
 Book

The American political scene today is poisonously divided, and the vast majority of white evangelicals play a strikingly unified, powerful role in the disunion. These evangelicals raise a starkly consequential question for electoral politics: Why do they claim morality while supporting politicians who act immorally by most Christian measures? In this clear-eyed, hard-hitting chronicle of American religion and politics, Anthea Butler answers that racism is at the core of conservative evangelical activism and power.

*The Christian Imagination: Theology and the origins of race* by Willie James Jennings

Book

Why has Christianity, a religion premised upon neighborly love, failed in its attempts to heal social divisions? In this ambitious and wide-ranging work, Willie James Jennings delves deep into the late medieval soil in which the modern Christian imagination grew, to reveal how Christianity's highly refined process of socialization has inadvertently created and maintained segregated societies. A probing study of the cultural fragmentation—social, spatial, and racial—that took root in the Western mind, this book shows how Christianity has consistently forged Christian nations rather than encouraging genuine communion between disparate groups and individuals.

Building the Beloved Community

General Religion on Religion and Race of the UMC

Dr. Miguel De la Torre YouTube talk

<https://youtu.be/syAyAOr8AKw>

## **Institutional Racism**

### **Housing and Race**

*History of a Public Housing Project - Ken Burns*

PBS documentary

This documentary about East Lake Public Housing Project in Chicago gives voice to some of the most marginalized people in our society and raises critical questions about how we have created concentrated poverty and limited housing opportunities for African-Americans.

<https://youtu.be/WNW1Y0ZmCjs>

### **Criminal Justice/Law and Race**

*Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption - Bryan Stevenson*

book

Author Bryan Stevenson founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need. The book is an account of his coming of age, a window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

*True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight For Equality*

HBO documentary 2019

This documentary explores the work of Bryan Stevenson who founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need.

*The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* - Richard Rothstein  
book

In this groundbreaking history of the modern American metropolis, Richard Rothstein, a leading authority on housing policy, explodes the myth that America's cities came to be racially divided through *de facto* segregation. Rather, *The Color of Law* incontrovertibly makes clear that it was *de jure* segregation—the laws and policy decisions passed by local, state, and federal governments—that actually promoted the discriminatory patterns that continue to this day.

*This City Stopped Sending Police to Every 911 Call*  
Video

The Marshall Project is a non-partisan, non-profit news organization that seeks to create and sustain a national sense of urgency about the U.S. criminal justice system. This article outlines how civilian crisis responders in Olympia, WA work in coordination with the police.

[www.themarshallproject.org/2020/07/24/crisisresponders](http://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/07/24/crisisresponders)

*The New Jim Crow* - Michelle Alexander  
book

This book discusses race-related issues specific to African-American males and mass incarceration in the United States, but Alexander noted that the discrimination faced by African-American males is prevalent among other minorities and socio-economically disadvantaged populations.

*The New Jim Crow* - Michelle Alexander  
TED talk video

Michelle Alexander, author of *Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, explores criminal justice reform and the argument that we have not ended racial caste in America; we have merely redesigned it.

<http://www.tedxcolumbus.com/speakers-performers/2013-out-there/michelle-alexander/>

## **ECOB Congregation**

Sermons: *Anti-Racism Series: Ally, Actor or Accomplice?*

Part 1- Preached by Pamela Reist on 8/19/2018

Part 2 - Preached by Greg Laszokovits on 8/26/2018

Part 3 - Preached by Greg Laszokovits on 9/2/2018

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*The Beloved Community* - Preached by Pamela Reist on 1/22/2019



Adult Sunday school presentations and others

*Being a Peace and Justice Church in the Contemporary Time* - Dr. Eric Bishop

<https://youtu.be/sySUgB1L5qY>

*Healing Racism in These Times* - LaDonna Nkosi, Director of Intercultural Ministries of the Church of the Brethren

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*Putting on Our Blue Jeans: White Supremacy, Christianity, and the Work of Racial Justice* - Dr. Drew Hart - Elizabethtown College Peace Lecture - 10/29/2019

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