Racial Justice and Healing Annotated Bibliography
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Books Related to the Northern Province Racial Justice Team’s Advent 2021 Series
“A New Way of Being: Speaking Words of Promise”


Other Media

1. *Race: The Power of An Illusion* is a three-part Video Series available through Vimeo. MCNP has purchased the rights for this series. Pass-coded access is available for members of the Moravian Church Northern Province per our licensing agreement. Contact Sue Koenig, Director of Racial Justice and Healing at suekoenig@mcnp.org for information.

2. 13th – Documentary film that explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States;" it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as a punishment for conviction ...


4. Adam Ruins Everything - *The Disturbing History of the Suburbs*; 6-minute video about the ongoing effects of redlining today. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETR9qrVS17g

For Further Reading (alphabetical by author)

   A guide for “...mainline Protestant and Roman Catholic churches in the United States...” “to help equip Christians to address racism within these predominantly white churches and religious institutions” at all levels. Theologically and biblically based by an author with more than 30 years of anti-racism training and research.

Brown, Austin Channing. *I Am Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. New York:


Leads white allies to think and write reflectively about how they would engage and respond to racism and racism skeptics in ways that honor dignity, experiences, and stories; and explains why this is a better way to bring about transformative change.


Easy read and very accessible. Carter, pastor and former police officer, urges the church to lead the healing of racial divisions; provides suggestions for preaching about race. Online study guide at ChalicePress.com/HealingRacialDivides. Podcast of the author discussing the book at [https://www.pulpitfiction.com/notes/tns6-4](https://www.pulpitfiction.com/notes/tns6-4).


In Coates’ letter to his fifteen-year-old son, Samori, he weaves his personal, historical, and intellectual development into his ruminations on how to live in a black body in America.

Cone, James. *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*.

This book examines the U.S. society cross bearers in those beaten and hung from one of our culture’s forms of racial terror – the lynching tree. Cone inspires the faithful to hope and action for "God still has a way of wringing good out of evil."


Diangelo is an academic who “brings language to the emotional structures that make true discussions about racial attitudes difficult.” One cover review suggests it is “a necessary book for all people invested in societal change.”


A deep exploration of the biblical meaning of Shalom and dominion, and God’s vision for wholeness and healing.


Accessible; a good starter book for the topic of racism. She speaks honestly and gently, which helps people hear her message. Questions for discussion, helpful for a group study.


Accessible with discussion questions. Helsel, who is white, writes for white preachers who sense a need to address racism but know they will meet resistance in their congregations.


Hill is a white pastor of a ‘vibrant, multiethnic church in...Chicago.’ The book offers seven states to expect in a personal path to cultural awakening: Encounter, Denial, Disorientation, Shame, Self-Righteousness, Awakening, Active Participation.

This book, written by a variety of contributors, offers a historical review of racism, addresses questions about racism today (“Did Obama’s election end racism?”), and then turns to action. The Foreword is written by Otis Moss III.

A collection of essays that focus on how we as church can begin to build the Beloved Community Jesus called for.

A resource for Christian dialogue to assist churches in a transformative response to racism. Each of the chapters includes questions and prayers or litanies for small groups.

A collection of worship resources, key terms, etc.

Each chapter is framed as a question which Olou unpacks thoroughly and rationally. Some of the questions seek to define loaded words/phrases and their implications: racism, intersectionality, police brutality, privilege, affirmative action, cultural appropriation, microaggressions, etc.

The story of the formation of the Equal Justice Initiative and their efforts to seek fair trials for people on death row.

Presents theories of race development and how being with peer groups helps to shape identity at different stages of life.

A very helpful overview of the role of the church in slavery through history up to today and a challenge to stop complicit behaviors and assumptions. Many terms about church and race are explained in helpful ways that tie the past with today.

Wallis offers a prophetic and deeply personal call to action in overcoming the racism so ingrained in American society. He speaks candidly to Christians--particularly white Christians--urging them to cross a new bridge toward racial justice and healing.

The story of America’s Great Migration told through the lives of three people. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

An exploration of “how American today and throughout its history has been shared by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings” through an “immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people.”

Willimon, Will. *Who Lynched Willie Earle?* Abington Press, 2017. This is a quick, but important read. Willimon, professor of Christian Ministry at Duke University, relates the history of a lynching that took place in his hometown in 1947. He exegetes the sermon preached by a lone white pastor who spoke out against the lynching. Willimon name racism as a sin and calls all preachers to confront racism in their preaching. Willimon offers practical ways to do this.

Wise, Tim. *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son.* 2005: Soft Skull Press. Written as a ‘take-off’ on James Baldwin’s classic “Black Like Me” from the 1960’s, the author offers reflections on race from his perspective as a white man who experiences privilege simply by his race and gender.

**Other Resources**

Workbook for round table. Very accessible. Includes an “Overview of Dialogue-to-Change Process” with questions for dialogue designed to “build new relationship and trust; raise awareness and consider a range of views; develop new ideas; and create action ideas.”
https://www.everyday-democracy.org/resources/facing-racism-diverse-nation]

*White Privilege Let’s Talk: A Resource for Transformative Dialogue.* United Church of Christ. Five-part small group study with five contributors in “conversation” about race issues. Two parts: Spiritual Autobiography Told Through the Lens of Race and perspectives on “Whiteness as the Norm.” Sections on education, housing, wealth, and medical care through their lens of race. Each chapter includes reflection questions and discussion topics.

*Work of David Anderson Hooker* One example (5:22 min.):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfxX0dRmsOg
Summary of points from the video: Reconciliation is an on-going process; not “reconciled” but “reconciling.”