

Some Resources on Racism and Anti-racism

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Below are some recommended resources for learning about racism and antiracism strategies. This is not an all-inclusive list; there are many resources available online and in print. You likely will not be comfortable or agree with everything you read in the resources below. Listen to your discomfort. What can you learn from it?

<https://covchurch.org/justice/resources/> Excellent list of resources on “racial righteousness”, including resources for youth; books, videos and separate pdf bibliographies on Sankofa and “whiteness”.

<https://www.raceforward.org/videos/systemic-racism>: 8-part video series on systemic racism developed by Race Forward.

<http://www.pattidigh.com/racism>

- Hard Conversations: An Intro to Racism and Its Undoing. A four-week intensive online class with lots of resources and weekly teleconferences.
- Hard Conversations: Whiteness, Race, and Social Justice : a four week online class on “what does it mean to be white in a racist world?” <http://www.pattidigh.com/whiteness>

<http://www.debbyirving.com/the-book/> Resources associated with Debby Irving’s book Waking Up White.

<http://www.debbyirving.com/21-day-challenge/> 21-day challenge by Debby Irving, designed to raise racial equity awareness.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/1619-america-slavery.html> series of articles produced by the New York Times on the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery.

<https://pulitzercenter.org/projects/1619-project-pulitzer-center-education-programming> Curriculum resources for The 1619 Project.

<https://www.salemacademyandcollege.org/history> Salem College and Academy resources on history, including Commission on Slavery

<https://www.oldsalem.org/core-initiatives/hidden-town-project> Old Salem project on “Hidden Town”, research regarding enslaved and free Africans and African Americans who once lived in Salem, NC.

Training:

<https://www.racialequityinstitute.com/new-events>: Training events learning about racial equity. REI is currently revising its workshops to become virtual events.

Books and articles

Note: many of these authors have social media accounts (blogs, twitter, Instagram etc.), an excellent way to keep learning and stay current.

Starting Out

Baldwin, James (1962). **The Fire Next Time**, "My Dungeon Shook: Letter to my Nephew on the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Emancipation"

Brown, Austin Channing (2018). **I'm Still Here, Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness**

Eberhardt, Jennifer (2019). **Biased....Uncovering the hidden prejudice that shapes what we see, think and do**

Helsel, Carolyn (2017). **Anxious to Talk About It. Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism**

Hill, Daniel (2017) **White Awake, An honest look at what it means to be white**

Irving, Debbie (2014). **Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race**

Kendi, Ibram X (2019) **How to Be an Antiracist**

Oluo, Ijeoma (2018). **So You Want to Talk About Race**

Reynolds, Jason and Kendi, Ibram X. (2020). **Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You.**

Saad, Layla F. (2020). **Me and White Supremacy**

Shutack, Corrine (2017). **75 things white people can do for racial justice** <https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/what-white-people-can-do-for-racial-justice-f2d18b0e0234>

Tisby, Jemar (2019). **The Color of Compromise, The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism**

Digging Deeper:

Anderson, Carol (2017). **White Rage, The Unspoken Truth of our Racial Divide**

Alexander, Michelle (2012). **The New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness**

Banaji, Mahzarin and Anthony Greenwald (2016). **Blind Spot---Hidden Biases of Good People**

Cannon, Mae Elise, Lisa Sharon Harper, Troy Jackson and Soong-Chan Rah (2014). **Forgive Us. Confessions of a compromised faith**

De la Torre, Miguel (2015). **The Politics of Jesús, a Hispanic Political Theology**

Diangelo, Robin (2018). **White Fragility, why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism**

Duncan, Lenny (2019). **Dear Church, a love letter from a black preacher to the whitest denomination in the U.S.**
(*Note: contains strong language which may be offensive to some*)

Dyson, Michael Eric (2017). **Tears We Cannot Stop, A Sermon to White America**

Emerson, Michael and Christian Smith (2001). **Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America**

Ferguson, Leland (2011). **God's Fields, Landscape, Religion and Race in Moravian Wachovia**

Fleming, Crystal M. (2018). **How to Be Less Stupid about Race**

Harper, Lisa Sharon (2016). **The Very Good Gospel...How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right**

Hart, Drew G. I. (2016). **Trouble I've Seen, Changing the way the Church Views Racism**

Harvey, Jennifer (2014). **Dear White Christians, For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation**

Harvey, Jennifer (2017). **Raising White Kids---Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America**

Jewell, Tiffany (2020). **This Book is Anti-Racist, 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work.**
(geared more towards youth)

Kendi, Ibram X. (2016). **Stamped from the Beginning, The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America**

King, Jr., Martin Luther. **Where Do We Go from Here? Chaos or Community?**

Loritts, Bryan (2018). **Insider Outsider, my journey as a stranger in white evangelicalism and my hope for us all.**

Mason, Eric (2018). **Woke Church, An Urgent Call for Christians in America to Confront Racism and Injustice**

McNeil, Brenda Salter (2020) **Roadmap to Reconciliation 2.0**

Meredith, Cara (2019). **The Color of Life: a Journey Toward Love and Racial Justice.**

Rothstein, Richard (2017). **The Color of Law.**

Sensabach, Jon F. (1998). **A Separate Canaan, the making of an Afro-Moravian world in North Carolina 1763-1840.**

Stevenson, Bryan (2014). **Just Mercy---a Story of Justice and Redemption**

Tatum, Beverly Daniel (2017). **Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?**

Thurman, Howard (1976). **Jesus and the Disinherited**

Twitty, Michael (2017). **The Cooking Gene, A journey through African American Culinary History in the Old South**

Walker-Barnes, Chanequa (2019). **I Bring the Voices of My People**

Ward, Jesmyn, editor (2016). **The Fire This Time, A New Generation Speaks about Race**

Wilkerson, Isabel (2011). **The Warmth of Other Suns.**

Wilson-Hargrove, Jonathan (2018). **Reconstructing the Gospel, Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion**

Movies related to Racism, Justice, and Policing (note: some not suitable for younger audiences)

- 12 Years a Slave
- 13th
- American Son
- Best of Enemies
- Crash
- Detroit
- Gran Torino
- Green Book
- The Hate U Give
- The Help
- Hidden Figures
- I Am Not Your Negro
- Just Mercy
- Katie Couric: America Inside Out (National Geographic Channel)
- Monsters and Men
- Why We Hate (Discovery Channel Series)
- Self-Made
- Selma
- Why We Hate (Discovery Channel Series)

Facebook group: The Red Table Talk--- great conversations about racism, colorism, racial divide-women of color & white women, interracial marriage, white privilege

Podcasts

- Seeing White
- NPR: Code Switch

Other Resources:

- May 31, 2020 Winston-Salem panel on racism: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vulg_B7brKQ
- Forsyth County, NC resource/action group: equityforsyth.com