

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?

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”

Becker, Amy Julia Becker (2018). **White Picket Fences**

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

Coates, Ta-Nehisi (2015). **Between the World and Me**

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**

King, Jr., Martin Luther (1963). **“Letter from Birmingham Jail”**.
https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/sites/mlk/files/letterfrombirmingham_wwcw_0.pdf

Moore, Osheta (2021). **Dear White Peacemakers, Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace**

Morrison, Latasha (2019). **Be the Bridge, Pursuing God’s Heart for Racial Reconciliation**

Oluo, Ijeoma (2019). **So You Want to Talk About Race**

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

- Shutack, Corrine (2021). **105 things white people can do for racial justice**
<https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/what-white-people-can-do-for-racial-justice-f2d18b0e0234> (this list is updated from time to time)
- Thurman, Howard (1976). **Jesus and the Disinherited**
- Tisby, Jemar (2019). **The Color of Compromise, The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism**
- Tisby, Jemar (2021). **How to Fight Racism, Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice**

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**
- Blackmon, Douglas A (2008). **Slavery By Another Name: the Re-Enslavement of Black People in America From the Civil War to World War II**
- Cannon, Mae Elise, Lisa Sharon Harper, Troy Jackson and Soong-Chan Rah (2014). **Forgive Us. Confessions of a compromised faith**
- Connelly, Kerry (2020). **Good White Racist?**
- 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 Smith, Christian (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**
- Gilliard, Dominique Dubois (2021). **Subversive Witness**
- 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**

Hart, Drew G. I. (2020). **Who Will Be a Witness?**

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**

Hill, Daniel (2020), **White Lies**

Jennings, Willie James (2020). **After Whiteness**

Jones, Robert P (2020). **White Too Long**

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

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

Kendi, Ibram X and Blain, Keisha N, editors (2021). **Four Hundred Souls**

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

Kwon, Duke and Thompson, Gregory (2021). **Reparations, A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair**

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**

McCaulley, Esau (2020). **Reading While Black**

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

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

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

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.**

Sharpe, Christina (2016). **In the Wake: on Blackness and Being**

- Smith, Clint (2021). **How the Word is Passed**
- Stevenson, Bryan (2014). **Just Mercy---a Story of Justice and Redemption**
- Swanson, David W (2020), **Rediscipling the White Church**
- Tatum, Beverly Daniel (2017). **Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?**
- 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.**
- Wilkerson, Isabel (2020). **Caste**
- Wilson-Hargrove, Jonathan (2018). **Reconstructing the Gospel, Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion**

Specifically Moravian-related Resources:

- Crews, Daniel and Starbuck, Richard (2002). **With Courage for the Future, the Story of the Moravian Church, Southern Province.**
- Ferguson, Leland (2011). **God's Fields, Landscape, Religion and Race in Moravian Wachovia**
- Lampe, Armando (2010). **Mission or Submission?: Moravian and Catholic Missionaries in the Dutch Caribbean During the 19th Century**
- Sensbach, Jon F. (1998). **A Separate Canaan, the making of an Afro-Moravian world in North Carolina 1763-1840.**
- Sensbach, Jon F. (2005). **Rebecca's Revival, Creating Black Christianity in the Atlantic World**
- Moravian Church, Southern Province (2020). **Continuing the Journey of Racial Reconciliation, Resources for Congregational Use.** [2020_ContinuingJourneyRacialReconciliation-read-only-version.pdf \(moravian.org\)](#)

[Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural, and Ethnic Reconciliation | Moravian Church Southern Province:](#)

Resources from the Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural and Ethnic Reconciliation, Moravian Church in North America, Southern Province

[Racial Justice and Healing | Moravian Church Northern Province:](#) resources from the Racial Justice Team, Moravian Church in North America, Northern Province

<https://www.salemacademyandcollege.org/ams> Salem College and Academy resources on history--- see the Anna Maria Samuel Project.

<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; most now available online.

Online and Media Resources

Crossroads Antiracism Series, Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE). An excellent series of 8 webinars created between APCE, the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Crossroads Antiracism group. Contact a member of the Moravian Reconciliation Team for more information.

<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.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 the Anna Maria Samuel Project

<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.

Movies: *this section is currently under review*

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