

Racism and Anti-Racism: Steps We Can Take

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- **Look for resources on the Southern Province’s website**
(www.moravian.org/southern/2021/02/moravian-team-for-racial-cultural-and-ethnic-reconciliation/). The website includes a bibliography, an events section, the booklet ***Continuing the Journey of Racial Reconciliation***, and other resources. The Resource Center at the Board of Cooperative Ministries has some of the books listed in “Resources”.
- **Provide copies of the *Continuing the Journey* booklet to your church boards and leadership. Sponsor a discussion/study on the booklet in your congregation.**
- **Be familiar with our Moravian Statements related to racism** (Ground of the Unity; Moravian Covenant for Christian Living; Resolution 19 from the 2018 Synod, 1998 Statement on Racism)
- **Follow the “ARC of racial justice”: Awareness, Relationships, Commitment** described in *The Color of Compromise* and *How to Fight Racism* by Jemar Tisby:
 - **Increase your awareness of the issues and the people involved**
 - **Develop interracial relationships**
 - **Commit to concrete action**
- **Educate yourself:**
 - Read and view resources (books, articles, websites, newsletters, videos)---see the “Resources on Racism and Antiracism” list on the Provincial website)
 - Read writings by people of color: memoirs, histories, novels, poetry, etc.
- **Join or start a book club**
 - Patty Digh’s Hard Conversations Bookclub (internet): www.pattydigh.com
- **Join worship in a church where you are a minority.**
- **Participate in community activities where you are a minority.**
- **Take a class, for example....**
 - Institute for Racial Equity workshops www.racialequityinstitute.com
 - “Groundwater” or Phase 1 Workshops
 - Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods in Forsyth County sponsors workshops (www.nbncommunityi.org/events)
- **Read your local newspaper and get involved locally.** Read the local news with an eye towards stories and policies particularly effecting minorities.