

Racial Justice Resources

Church of the Brethren Standing with People of Color Committee

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Glossary:

Key Concepts <https://www.racialequitytools.org/glossary>

***Church of the Brethren Statements and Resource Links:**

***Annual Conference Statements (brethren.org):**

2015 Resolution, Christian Minority Communities

2008 Resolution, Slavery in the 21st Century

2007, Statement, Separate No More: Becoming a Multi-Ethnic Church
2001 Resolution, Ethnic Representation
1991 Report, Committee on Brethren and Black Americans
1991 Report, Committee on Brethren and Black Americans
1989 Statement, Inclusion of Ethnics into the Church of the Brethren See 2007
Statement, Separate No More: Becoming a Multi-Ethnic Church, above
1963 Resolution, The Time Is Now to Heal Our Racial Brokenness

<https://www.brethren.org/intercultural>

<https://www.onearthpeace.org/>

<https://www.brethren.org/news/2020/what-does-the-lord-require-a/> - A statement from David Steele, General Secretary, Church of the Brethren

<https://www.brethren.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Racial-Justice-Resources-Part-1.pdf>

<https://www.brethren.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Racial-Justice-Resources-Part-2.pdf>

Brethren Press listing of Racism Resources:

<https://www.brethrenpress.com/SearchResults.asp?Search=Racism&Submit=GO>

Books through the brethren press -

<https://www.brethrenpress.com/SearchResults.asp?Search=racism&Submit=GO>

Bible Studies / Devotional Materials

[*Rest for the Justice Seeking Soul*](#), 90 Meditations, Susan K. Williams Smith – Rest for the Justice-Seeking Soul was birthed out of those crises. Here is a soul-care manual for social justice seeking believers who stand in constant vigilance against all forms of racial, class, and gender oppression. The fight for justice and equality is an exhausting daily grind – and the work is never over.

[*The Gospel and Race Bible Study*](#) from the Western Ohio Conference /The United Methodist Church

[Overcoming Prejudice through Love](#) - James 2: 1-13

[Loving in a Divided Culture](#) – Acts 10:17-38

[15 Study Ideas on Racism for Small Groups](#)

[7-Day Prayer Guide for Racial Reconciliation](#)

[30 Days of Anti-Racism Reflections and Activities](#)

[Embracing Beloved Community](#) 7-week study guide from the Mennonite Central Committee

[Uncovering Racism](#) by Steve and Kathy Reid

[Acting Against Racism Conversation Guide](#)

Uncovering our Whiteness as a Church – Led by Jon Keller, Troy OH COB (need to see if this is available more broadly)

Sacred Ground curriculum - <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>

Overview of *Sacred Ground*: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/on-demand-webinar/>

This program has been in use broadly within the Episcopal church for several years as part of their denomination-wide commitment to racial reconciliation. The resources that are part of the Sacred Ground program would be on a level that is accessible to Brethren but the beauty of the program is in the 11-week virtual space conversations that are at the heart of the program. Fostering a trusting, safe space for folks to explore these difficult topics is a key component. The group are often all-white groups while some are mixed racial groups. Facilitators guide the conversations. I think it's been a program restricted to use within the Episcopal church largely because of the economic cost of acquiring permission to share and view the resources (books, articles, documentaries, etc.). Royalties to pay. It would be worth exploring though if it's accessible outside the Episcopal Church if there's interest. The two main books that are required reading are Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited* and Debby Irving's *Waking up White* and *Finding Myself in the Story of Race*.

[Lamenting Racism](#) Video Series and Study Guide

Racism feeds on denial. Lament moves us to tell the truth. And the truth can set us free. Stories of racial injustice fill our news feeds. Yet for too long many in the church have been hesitant to speak up about racism in its many forms. We fear offending others, of using the wrong words, of not knowing what to say. In *Lamenting Racism*, a team of leading pastors and theologians invite us into the transformative and motivating practice of biblical lament as a powerful way to confront racism. Through their conversations in six thought-provoking videos, they name that God's people of every race are called to consider how we have been shaped and formed by race, and they guide us into experiencing lament as an anti-racism practice. Encouraging congregations to reclaim the lost art of biblical lament, these pastors and theologians model a powerful way to pour out the fear, shame, grief, and rage of racism as we cry out to God in prayer. In the process, we will be transformed and motivated to reclaim hope and to act for a world shaped by God's inclusive vision of love and blessing. This six-session study invites church groups to engage in the practice of biblical lament as a powerful tool in the church's struggle against racism.

[Reparative Justice Bible Study](#) – Repentance, Reconciliation, and Reform Leading to Repair.

A six week Bible study of reparative justice developed in partnership with TheTrotter Collaborative for Social Justice at the Harvard Kennedy School, The National Council of Churches, and The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

Available online as a pdf document at

<http://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Reparative-Justice-Bible-Study-web.pdf>

[United Against Racism: Churches for Change](#)

The National Council of Churches. Includes prayers, thoughts and reflections with conversation suggestions. 12 short sections, each starting with definitions of Key Terms that are good starting points.

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For Families and Children:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/faith-formation/christian-practices/dismantling-racism/>

Recommendations for High Schoolers

High School Watch:

Hidden Figures

The Great Debaters

Just Mercy

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Salute documentary (Amazon Prime)

Four Little Girls Documentary (Spike Lee)

Freedom Riders

Between the World and Me

When They See Us (some foul language)

True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality

BlackKkKlansman (some foul language)

The Best of Enemies

High School Read:

[*Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*](#) (see below in adult section for lengthy academic description)

by Isabel Wilkerson

Wilkerson provides a deep dive into the 400 year US history. It is hard to visualize some of the events that have happened. She analyzes our current experience with intensive study of the actual caste system in India they are still confronted with as well as a deep dive into the Nazi Germany experience. (The Nazi party designed their rounding up and exterminating 6 million Jewish people and about as many "other" people based on research they did on the U.S.A. model beginning in the colonies and in the Deep South. She describes the struggle in our nation today as a result of the "dominant group status threat." Wilkerson provides fascinating examples.

The Young Adults book and study guide is modeled after the adult book (see description below in adult section.)

*San Diego First CoB is currently studying this every week. For observations as a Brethren book group study, contact Pastor Carrie at pastorcarriecesar@gmail.com

[How to Fight Racism Young Reader's Edition](#)

by Jemar Tisby

[Just Mercy \(Adapted for Young Adults\): A True Story of the Fight for Justice](#)

by Bryan Stevenson

[March \(Trilogy\)](#)

John Lewis

[Run](#)

John Lewis

[She Came to Slay: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman](#)

by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

[Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-Winning Stamped from the Beginning](#)

by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

[The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks](#)

by Brandy Colbert

An Article by civil rights activist Anne Braden entitled Finding the Other America
<http://www.november.org/BottomsUp/reading/america.html>

Educational Study Guides/Activities

[1619 Project by the New York Times](#)

[How to Fight Racism](#)

by Jemar Tisby

How to Fight Racism by Jemar Tisby is a handbook for fighting racism that provides readers with practical tools and suggestions, along with real-world examples of change, to enable them to become proactive initiators of racial justice.

[Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice](#)

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/whiteness>

[White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack](#)

by Peggy McIntosh

This resource is short and it is the “classic” resource used for decades. For those two reasons and that it is easy to read and understand, it is worth at least skimming.

Christian books

[Been in the Struggle: Pursuing an Antiracist Spirituality](#)

by Regina Shands Stoltzfus (Mennonite professor)

[Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation](#)

By Latasha Morrison

[Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times](#)

by Otis Moss III.

[Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.](#)

By Lenny Duncan

[Dear White Christians](#)

By Jennifer Harvey

In this provocative book Jennifer Harvey argues for a radical shift in how justice-committed white Christians think about race. She calls for moving away from the reconciliation paradigm that currently dominates interracial relations and embracing instead a "reparations" paradigm.

Harvey presents an insightful historical analysis of the painful fissures that emerged among activist Christians toward the end of the Civil Rights movement, and she shows the necessity of bringing "white" racial identity into clear view in order to counter today's oppressive social structures.

A deeply constructive, hopeful work, "Dear White Christians" will help readers envision new racial possibilities, including concrete examples of contemporary reparations initiatives. This book is for any who care about the gospel call to justice but feel stuck trying to get there, given the ongoing prevalence of deep racial divisions in the church and society at large.

[Disunity in Christ](#)

by Christena Cleveland

Learn why Christians who have a heart for unity have such a hard time actually uniting. Cleveland provides real insight for ministry leaders who have attempted to build bridges across boundaries. Here are the tools we need to understand how we can overcome the hidden forces that divide us.

[Faithful Antiracism: Moving Past Talk to Systemic Change](#)

by [Christina Barland Edmondson](#) and [Chad Brennan](#) (Chad is sharing at AC Cincinnati 2023 during 9:05 am Business Session Thursday 7/7 and also for the Equipping Session on Thursday, 7/7 at 12:30 - 1:30)

These two Christian authors approach racial justice and racism from a deeply rooted understanding of the message of the Bible. The book is rooted in their research, scriptural insight, and historical analysis.

- Learn about the book: faithfulantiracism.com
- Purchase a print copy for [30% off and free shipping](#)
- Book bulk purchases: Contact Adam Dalton, adalton@ivpress.com
- [Audiobook version](#) (read by authors)
- [Ebook](#) and [Kindle](#) versions
- Video series for small groups: bit.ly/faithful-antiracism
- Video series [free access for evaluation](#)
- Video series [group pricing](#): Contact Ethan Coke, ecoke@seminarynow.com

[From Every People and Nation: A Biblical Theology of Race](#)

by J. Daniel Hays

[Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization \(Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Series\)](#)

by Ched Meyers and Elaine Enns (Mennonite couple)

[Heart of Racial Justice](#)

by Brenda Salter McNeil and Rick Richardson

Racial and ethnic hostility is one of the most pervasive problems the church faces. It hinders our effectiveness as one body of believers. It damages our ability to witness to and serve seekers. Why won't this problem just go away? *Because it is a spiritual battle*. What should our response be in a world torn apart by prejudice, hatred and fear? *We must employ spiritual weapons--prayer, repentance, forgiveness*. In this book Brenda Salter McNeil and Rick Richardson reveal a new model of racial reconciliation, social justice and spiritual healing that creates both individual and community transformation.

[*How to Heal Our Racial Divide: What the Bible Says, and the First Christians Knew, about Racial Reconciliation*](#)

by Derwin L. Gray

[*Redisciplining the White Church from Cheap Diversity to True Solidarity*](#)

by David Swanson

[*Reparations: A Christian Call to Repentance and Repair*](#)

by Duke L Kwon

[*Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*](#)

by Michael Eric Dyson

[*The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*](#)

by Jemar Tisby

The Color of Compromise reveals the chilling connection between the church and racism throughout American history. A survey of the ways Christians of the past have reinforced theories of racial superiority and inferiority provides motivation for a series of bold actions believers must take to forge a future of equity and justice.

[*The Cross and the Lynching Tree*](#)

by James Cone

This is a small booklet which describes and illustrates our history; it is very difficult to read because of the gruesome US history.

[*The Gospel and Racial Reconciliation*](#)

by Russell Moore and Andrew T. Walker, eds

*[*Trouble I've Seen*](#)

by Drew G. I. Hart

In this provocative book, theologian and blogger Drew G. I. Hart places police brutality, mass incarceration, anti-black stereotypes, poverty, and everyday acts of racism within

the larger framework of white supremacy. He argues that white Christians have repeatedly gotten it wrong about race because dominant culture and white privilege have so thoroughly shaped their assumptions. He also challenges black Christians about neglecting the most vulnerable in their own communities. Leading readers toward Jesus, Hart offers concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice.

[*Who Will Be A Witness: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance](#)

by Drew G.I. Hart

Who Will Be a Witness offers a vision for communities of faith to organize for deliverance and justice in their neighborhoods, states, and nation as an essential part of living out the call of Jesus. Author Drew G. I. Hart provides incisive insights into Scripture and history, along with illuminating 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. At a time when many feel disillusioned and distressed, Hart calls the church to action, offering a way forward that is deeply rooted in the life and witness of Jesus. Dr. Hart's testimony is powerful, personal, and profound, serving as a compass that points the church to the future and offers us a path toward meaningful social change and a more faithful witness to the way of Jesus.

Other Books:

[*Between the World and Me*](#)

by Ta-Nehisi Coates

In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men--bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. 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? *Between the World and Me* is Ta-Nehisi Coates's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares with his son--and readers--the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences, from Howard University to Civil War battlefields, from the South Side of Chicago to Paris, from his childhood home to the living rooms of mothers whose

children's lives were taken as American plunder. Beautifully woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage, *Between the World and Me* clearly illuminates the past, bravely confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward.

[Black Theology and Black Power](#)

by James Cone

[Caste: The Origins of our Discontents](#)

by Isabel Wilkerson

Wilkerson defines “caste” as “an artificial construction, a fixed and embedded ranking of human value that sets the presumed supremacy of one group against the presumed inferiority of other groups on the basis of ancestry and often immutable traits, traits that would be neutral in the abstract but are ascribed life-and-death meaning in a hierarchy favoring the dominant caste whose forebears designed it. She also describes the struggle in our nation today as a result of the “dominant group status threat.”

This is a lengthy book (507 pages) with extensive research footnotes (51 pages), challenging history to learn with author Wilkerson providing incredibly fascinating examples.

Book study guide with study questions. Paper and online formats.

FYI special book and study guide for **young adults** listed in Young Adult section below.

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[Dear White Peacekeepers](#)

by Osheta Moore

[Do the Work](#)

by W. Kamau Bell

[Fortune](#)

by Lisa Sharon Harper

[*Healing Racial Trauma: The Road to Resilience*](#)

by Sheila Wise Rowe

Author is the speaker at the 2023 Ministers' Pre-Conference Event Healing Racial Trauma: The Road to Resilience and Beloved Community (Monday evening 7/3 and all day Tuesday 7/4) and she is the Speaker for Wednesday Worship July 5, 2023 at 7 pm, "Bearing the Fruit of God's Love." (Sermons can be purchased from Brethren Press)

"People of color have endured traumatic histories and almost daily assaults on our dignity. We have prayed about racism, been in denial, or acted out in anger, but we have not known how to individually or collectively pursue healing from the racial trauma." As a child, Sheila Wise Rowe was bused across town to a majority white school, where she experienced the racist lie that one group is superior to all others. This lie continues to be perpetuated today by the action or inaction of the government, media, viral videos, churches, and within families of origin. In contrast, Scripture declares that we are all fearfully and wonderfully made. Rowe, a professional counselor, exposes the symptoms of racial trauma to lead readers to a place of freedom from the past and new life for the future. In each chapter, she includes an interview with a person of color to explore how we experience and resolve racial trauma. With Rowe as a reliable guide who has both been on the journey and shown others the way forward, you will find a safe pathway to resilience.

[*Healing Resistance*](#)

by Kazu Haga

Kazu is one of our nation's most gifted trainers in nonviolence training. His personal journey and examples make this book easily readable. He is Japanese-American and is not an "academic". He provides practical steps to implement nurturing our country towards healing and justice in all contexts in our own daily lives. At the end of his book, Kazu shares 8 responses to criticisms of nonviolence.

*Brethren author David C. Jehnsen (Ohio) and his colleague, Bernard LaFayette, Jr. wrote the Forward. (LaFayette and Jehnsen are the coauthors for the Nonviolence training manual used throughout the world and in most trainings offered through On Earth Peace.

[*How to be an Anti-Racist*](#)

by Ibram X. Kendi

[*I Bring the Voices of My People: A Womanist Vision for Racial Reconciliation*](#)

by Chanequa Walker-Barnes

[*Martin & Malcolm & America: A Dream or a Nightmare*](#)

by James H. Cone

[*Raising White Kids*](#)

by Jennifer Harvey

Living in a racially unjust and deeply segregated nation creates unique conundrums for white children that begin early in life and impact development in powerful ways. *Raising White Kids* offers age-appropriate insights for teaching children how to address racism when they encounter it and tackles tough questions about how to help white kids be mindful of racial relations while understanding their own identity and the role they can play for justice. *Raising White Kids* is a book for families, churches, educators, and communities who want to equip their children to be active and able allies in a society that is becoming one of the most racially diverse in the world while remaining full of racial tensions.

[*Say the Right Thing: How to Talk about Identity, Race and Justice*](#)

by Kenji Yoshino and David Glasgow

[*Sister Outsider*](#)

by Audre Lord

[*So You Want to Talk About Race*](#)

by Ijeoma Oluo

[*Stamped*](#)

by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi

[*Stamped From the Beginning*](#)

by Ibram X. Kendi

[*The Black Friend*](#)

by Henry Joseph

[*This Here Flesh*](#)

by Cole Arthur Riley

[*Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation*](#)

by Linda Villarosa

[*Waking Up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*](#)

by Debbie Irving

This book by a white writer is a call for white people to contribute to racial justice rather than unconsciously perpetuate patterns of racism.

[*White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*](#)

by Robin J. DiAngelo

This has been a classic staple to study. It's written for dominant culture "white" people to help them understand their own vulnerable journeys.

[*Young, Gifted and Black*](#)

by Sheila Wise Rowe (Wednesday, July 5 Worship Speaker at the Annual Conference 2023, "Bearing the Fruit of God's Love" Note: all conference worship services and sermons may be purchased from Brethren Press.)

Giving voice to the real-life stories of Black millennials and younger adults, Sheila Wise Rowe goes beyond their struggles to point towards hope, joy, and healing. Drawing on years of counseling trauma and abuse survivors, she provides stories, reflections, and tools for readers of all ages as they journey toward healing from the barriers affecting them, their children, and their communities.

Asian American Pacific Islander Resources (AAPI)

[*Asian Americans and the Spirit of Racial Capitalism*](#)

by Jonathan Tran

[*Driven Out: The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans*](#)

by Jean Pfaelzer

[*Contagious Divides: Epidemics and Race in San Francisco's Chinatown*](#)

by Nayan Shah

[*Serve the People: Making Asian America in the Long Sixties*](#)

by Karen L. Ishizuka

[Orientals: Asian Americans in Popular Culture](#)

by Robert G. Lee

[Vestiges of War: The Philippine-American War and the Aftermath of an Imperial Dream 1899-1999](#) edited by Angel Velasco Shaw and Luis H. Francia

[To Save the Children of Korea: The Cold War Origins of Korean Adoption](#)

by Arissa Oh

[The Color of Success: Asian Americans and the Origins of the Model Minority](#)

by Ellen D. Wu

Policing and Incarceration

Movie: [13th on Netflix](#)

[The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#)

by Michelle Alexander

This is now a staple in learning about where we are in this century. The statistics are horrifying and compelling evidence that “something is wrong”.

Indigenous People

[The Land is Not Empty](#)

by Sarah Augustine

[Unsettling the World: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization](#)

by Steve Heindrichs (Canadian Mennonite)

Short candid and personal reflections and poems woven together by both mostly Canadian Mennonites and Canadian indigenous leaders. Helpful drawings in black and white for each chapter by Mennonite artist.

The United Church of Canada has some resources posted around the topic of indigenous justice: [Prayer, Action and Community | The United Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](#).

And here’s a link to a statement on the World Council of Churches site: [Statement on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples | World Council of Churches \(oikoumene.org\)](#)

Note from Barbara Daté -

*Peace Research: The Canadian Journal of Peace & Conflict Studies just published their featured chapter: Justice-With-Healing: An Adapted Indigenous Model of Justice & Healing of Relationships. Volume 51, Number 2 (2019): 65-104
by Barbara Daté & Lorna Monkman

Copies of the journal two years and older are free to access, following the link for journal issues. <https://www.peaceresearch.ca/>

This chapter instructs faculty and facilitators how to use Barbara and Lorna's Justice-With-Healing model in a 2 ½ hour workshop which illustrates the process using the hour long vignette with history and introduction to the process first and debrief afterwards. This healing process was inspired by and then adapted from the original Maori traditional Family Group Conferencing model that now is legislated for all harms done by youth or adults in New Zealand. The JWH model is both an easy and quick way to gain the big picture about healing from harm/broken relationship procedures for novices or even for seasoned practitioners and interested community members. The unique element in this model is the use of the deep compassionate listening skill (micro-paraphrasing) used with the "Special Listening Chair" that was gifted to Barbara in a vision in 1987 in the midst of an intense Brethren group conflict. Barbara hopes to continue to provide this healing model iZoom or i-person workshops and perhaps through Ventures (McPherson College).

[Barbara Daté was interviewed for a several page Canadian Christian article about her Métis, Ojibwe and Cree students who shared with her and others about what helps them in day to day interactions when they feel harmed by microaggressions. This article and an educational handout about traveling the RED Road Together will be made available soon.]

Refugees/Immigrants

[Solito](#)

by Javier Zamora

[White Lies](#) – NPR Podcast

The United States has a rich history of welcoming refugees to begin new lives, but restrictive policies and challenges to the resettlement program do arise. We urge supporters of refugees to share their experiences with friends and family, as well as with their elected officials. There are many great resources to help you get started. We have collected a number of them here. These organizations provide opportunities to stay informed, learn about what faith communities and others are saying and doing around the country in support of refugees, and what actions are needed as the environment shifts. You may want to follow them on Facebook and Twitter, as well as accessing their web resources.

- [Church World Service](#)
- [Interfaith Immigration Coalition](#)
- [Refugee Council USA](#)
- [Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Programs](#)

History:

[Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019](#)

by Itham X. Kendi

Webinars:

[Reconciliation or Antiracism](#)

Necessary Conversations presented by [Virlina Race Education Team](#) – Recorded Zoom calls on Facebook featuring a variety of guest speakers

Assessments

Implicit Bias - <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html>

There are several assessment tools being published now, this is a commonly used one. If you go to the Underground Railroad Museum in Cincinnati you can sit at a monitor and take it there.

Cultural Awareness

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5038174/Cultural-Awareness-Self-Assessment>

Blogs and Articles:

[Recognizing Racism in Rural Ohio](#) – a blog by Kirsten Harvey

[10 Root Causes of Racism](#)

[The Roots of Racism](#) by David Livingstone Smith, PhD

[The Case for Reparations](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates

An Article by civil rights activist Anne Braden entitled Finding the Other America

<http://www.november.org/BottomsUp/reading/america.html>

Here is the FaceBook link to the description of the 3-part *Roots of Racism* series created by UD and the Dayton Daily News.

<https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/roots-of-racism-videos-to-explore-how-historic-policies-affect-dayton-today/DLB4ROWS5VASBE65RWEADFMWYE/>

Billie Holiday - "Strange Fruit" Live 1959 [Reelin' In The Years Archives] -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DGY9HvChXk>

Magazines:

Smithsonian Magazine, April 2021 The Truth about Tulsa

WebMD, Jan/Feb/March 2021 Black Lives Matter

Podcasts:

<https://hiddenbrain.org/podcast/revealing-your-unconscious-part-1/>

<https://hiddenbrain.org/podcast/revealing-your-unconscious-part-2/>

[‘Whistling Vivaldi’ and Beating Stereotypes](#) - NPR Podcast

[How to Be an Antiracist](#) – Brene Brown and Ibram X. Kendi

[Pass the Mic](#) by The Witness Podcast Radio

[Seeing White](#) by Scene On Radio

[1619 Project Podcast](#)

[Uncivil](#) by Gimlet Media

Listen:

Black History Month Spotify [Playlist](#)

Watch:

“Lift every Voice and Sing” Inspiring and cute elementary school children singing “Lift Every Voice & Sing” (first verse only with signing!) 2 ½ minute video

P.S. 316, Elijah Stroud Elementary School

<https://www.bing.com/search?q=P.S.+316+sings+%22Lift+Every+Voice+and+Sing%22&form=CHRDEF&sp=-1&lq=0&pq=p.s.+316+sings+%22lift+every+voice+and+sing%22&sc=10-42&qsn=&sk=&cvid=C1D65554F47341A199C5ADBA733AFFE6&ghsh=0&ghpl=>

[1619](#) on Hulu

[Justice](#) - The Bible Project

[Stranger at the Gate](#)

[American Masters – Toni Morrison \(PBS\)](#)

[5 Tips for Being an Ally](#)

[I'm Still Here](#) - by Austin Channing Brown (Art of the Sermon)

I Am Not Your Negro – a 2016 documentary by Raoul Peck based on the life of James Baldwin

The United States vs. Billie Holiday

[White Awake](#) - by Daniel Hill (FSP Chicago)

General Commission on Religion and Race of the UMC
From the Vital Conversations Video Series

Meaningful Conversations about Race

Dr. David Anderson Hooker

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xv_G8BD8eKI

Deconstructing White Privilege

Dr. Robin DiAngelo

Her book about White Fragility has been widely used.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dwlx3KQer54>

Building the Beloved Community

Dr. Miguel De La Torre

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syAyAOr8AKw&t=4s>

Being an Ally with People of Color

Katelin Hansen, PhD

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnhgW_zgFdo

The Intersections of Oppression

Rev. Dr. Pamela Lightsey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9cHZ0hKfhY>

Contrasting Current Activism with Civil Rights Movements of the Past

Rev. Jennifer Bailey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oiemehq2mb0>

Holy Post - Race in America - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGUwcs9qJXY>

Holy Post - Race in America - Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-yun74BJEc>

Billie Holiday - "Strange Fruit" Live 1959 [Reelin' In The Years Archives]

-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DGY9HvChXk>

Websites to Explore:

<https://buildfaith.org/resources-for-adult-formation-with-an-emphasis-on-race-and-diversity/>

Forming a Faith Rooted Advocate Network Group -

<https://sojo.net/resources/forming-faith-rooted-advocate-network-group>

<https://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/anti-racism-resources/>

<https://www.lifeway.com/en/special-emphasis/racial-reconciliation>

<https://racialequityinstitute.org/>

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/anti-racism-basics/>

<https://quakerspeak.com/video/holding-peace-quaker-nonviolence-time-black-lives-matter/>

<https://diversity.cccu.org/anti-racism-education/>

<https://medium.com/wake-up-call/a-detailed-list-of-anti-racism-resources-a34b259a3eea>

Implicit Bias - <https://outsmartinghumanminds.org/>

[Resources for White People to Learn and Talk About Race and Racism](#)

<https://www.brethren.org/intercultural/>

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news-media/>

<https://www.onearthpeace.org/>

https://sojo.net/sites/default/files/final_fran_toolkit.pdf Sojo FRAN Group Toolkit:

<https://www.brethren.org/news/2020/what-does-the-lord-require-a/> other statements on racism and social justice from the denomination

<https://www.brethrenpress.com>

Action Groups for White Allies - Search by State

Sample - Ohio

SURJ – Standing Up for Racial Justice

DARN – Dayton Anti-Racist Network

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to be it.”**

**Amanda Gorman, poet
“The Hill We Climb”**

