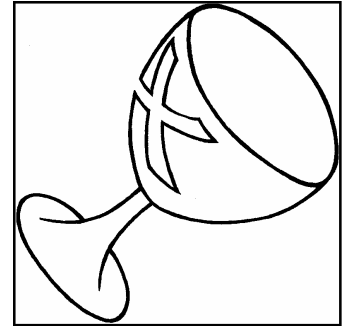


Anti-Racism Resources

This Bibliography is compiled from three others and represents the work of Gerald Cunningham, Lori Adams, and the staff of the Center for Church Growth and Vitality of Homeland Ministries. Many more resources on the topic exist. This is a sampling.



Crossroad Ministry has many resources and videos that can be of help to you as you explore this topic. Crossroads is currently in partnership with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Office of Reconciliation of our church in a multi-year training program with regions and units of the church as a part of the process of discernment of our denomination on Anti-Racism. You can contact them through the Office of the General Minister and President, through Jessica Vasquez.

Africans in America: America's Journey through Slavery, by Charles Johnson, Patricia Smith, and the WGBH Series Research Team, Harcourt Brace & Company, 1998

This book is a companion to the Public Broadcasting System series by the same name. This book uses the engaging format of telling narrative stories of people next to historical context material. Very evocative.

Africentric Christianity: A theological Appraisal for Ministry, by J. Deotis Roberts, Judson Press, 2000

A professor from Duke University outlines how African culture has shaped Christian faith of African American persons in this country. This highly readable book gives a helpful, clear definitions to complex concepts.

And Don't Call Me a Racist: A Treasury of Quotes on the Past, Present, and Future of the Color Line in America, selected and arranged by Ella Mazel

This book is free if you call 781-674-2056. The publisher is making it available to non-profit organizations (including churches) for educational purposes. Will send you multiple copies free. Worth getting a few for the church library and Sunday School classes.

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Before the Mayflower: A History of Black America, Lerone Bennett, Jr., Penguin Books, Sixth Edition

This book traces Black history from its origins in western Africa, through the transatlantic journey that ended in slavery, the Reconstruction period, the Jim Crow era, and the civil rights upheavals of the 1960s and 1970s, culminating in an exploration of the complex realities of African-American life in the 1990s. Here is the most recent scholarship on the geographic, social, ethnic, economic, and cultural journey of “the other Americans”, together with vital portraits of black pioneers and seminal figures in the struggle for freedom, as well as additional material on historical development in the Reagan, Bush, and Clinton years.

Black on White: Black Writers on What it Means to be White, Edited and with an introduction by David R. Roediger, Schocken Books, 1998, Random House, Inc.

This book brings together some of the most important black writers throughout history to explore the question, What does it really mean to be white in America? Thought provoking and in short segments that lend themselves well to group discussion.

Black and White Racial Identity: Theory, Research, and Practice, edited by Janet E. Helms, Praeger, 1990

An exploration of how racial identity is formed. Scholarly research and well presented.

Challenging Racism, by Jody Miller Shearer, Faith & Life Press, 1993.

Good youth oriented study on the realities of racism with good solid lesson plans and resources for teaching a youth class or youth retreat.

The Children, by David Halberstam, Fawcett Books, 1998

Halberstam was a young reporter in Tennessee during the first of the sit-ins of the civil rights movement. He covered these events at the time, and in this book he goes back and retells the story and traces into the 1990s the lives of some of the first students to participate in the movement. Highly readable stories of courageous people by a good writer.

A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America, by Ronald Takaki, Back Bay Books, Little, Brown and Company

Beginning with the colonization of the “New World” and ending with the Los Angeles riots of 1992, this book recounts the history of America in the voices of the non-Anglo peoples of the U.S. — Native Americans, African Americans, Jews, Irish Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, and others — groups who helped create this country’s rich mosaic culture.



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Double Exposure: Poverty and Race in America, foreward by Bill Bradley, preface by Julian Bond, edited by Chester Hartman

This book provides the most up-to-date and comprehensive review of the major topics surrounding our country's most troublesome and seemingly intractable social problem: the intersection of race and poverty.

Faces at the Bottom of the Well: The Permanence of Racism, by Derrick Bell, Basic Books, A Division of Harper Collins Publishers

Using fantasy stories, the author pulls the issues of race to their conclusions and examines them through fictional dialogue and parable. Very provocative and helpful.

From Different Shores: Perspectives on Race and Ethnicity in America, edited by Ronald Takaki, Oxford University Press, 1994 Second Edition.

Compares the different experiences of a variety of ethnic and cultural communities in the U.S. Examines the most debated topics of our time around issues of race including affirmative action, welfare dependency, riots, and multicultural curricula. Comprehensive treatment of the issues.

Fulfilling the Dream: Confornting the Challenge of Racism, Ronice Branding, Christian Board of Publication, 1998

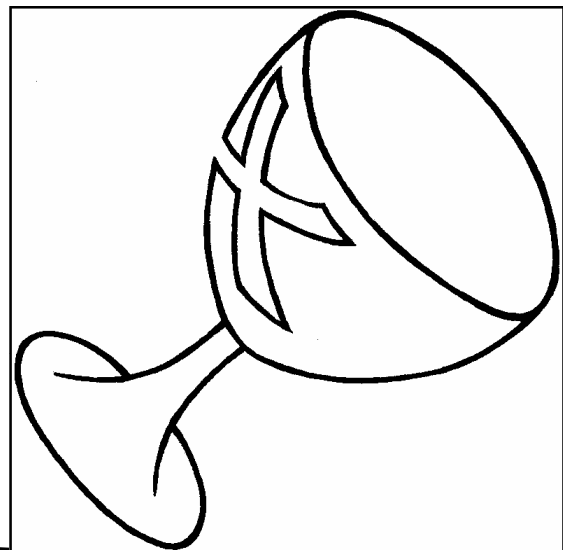
This book is written as a discussion starter with questions at the end of each chapter. It helps congregations to seek openly what they can do and how they can grow in an anti-racism understanding and community life and ministry.

Living with Racism: The Black Middle-Class Experience, Joe R. Feagin, Melvin P. Sikes, Beacon Press

Based on the sometimes harrowing testimony of more than 200 Black respondents, this groundbreaking study exposes the depth and relentlessness of the racism that middle-class African Americans confront every day.

Parting the Waters: America in the King Years 1954-63, by Taylor Branch, Simon and Schuster, 1988

A detailed and thorough history of the 1950s and 1960s. Especially helpful for persons who have no memory of those years. Helps to capture the times with good story and accurate reporting of events.



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A Race is a Nice Thing to Have: A Guide to Being a White Person or Understanding the White Persons in Your Life, by Janet E. Helms, Content Communications, Topeka, KS

The small, inexpensive, and very accessible book helps readers to examine race and racial identity. In short chapters with exercises that teach, this author gently and firmly moves the reader to new awareness. Highly recommended for small groups and classes. Available through Amazon.com and Content Communications, PO Box 4763, Topeka, KS 66604.

Race-ing Justice, En-gendering Power: Essays on Anita Hill, Clarence Thomas, and the Construction of Social Reality, edited by Toni Morrison, Pantheon Books, 1992

This famous fiction author collects here an interesting set of essays viewing an emotionally charged event and offering analysis from a wide range of persons.

The Reconciliation of Peoples: Challenge to the Churches, edited by Gregory Baum and Harold Wells, Orbis Books, 1997

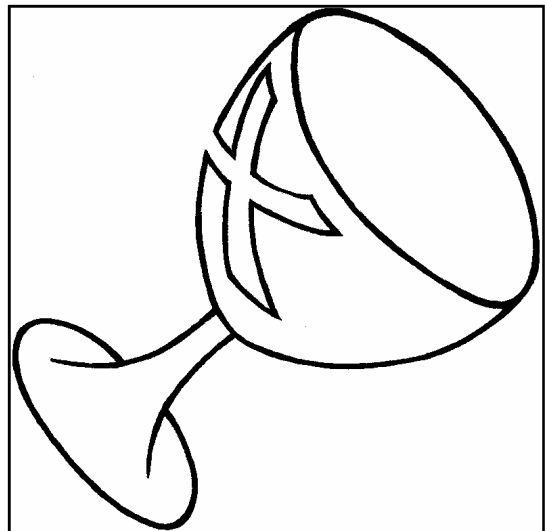
This collection of essays tell the stories of churches around the world seeking to live in reconciliation in their countries. This book is a wonderful book for a church school class interested in the global witness of the church.

Reconciliation: Our Greatest Challenge—Our Only Hope, Curtiss Paul DeYoung, Judson Press, 1997

Chapters conclude with discussion questions in this book that explores the way toward racial reconciliation in our time and in the church. James Forbes says of this book, "DeYoung cuts no corners when it comes to stating the staggering cost of quality relationships, yet he makes the beauty of biblical reconciliation so appealing that the sacrifice will seem a small price to be paid for the enriching arrangement to which the gospel calls us."

The Recovery of Black Presence: An Interdisciplinary Exploration, edited by Randall C. Bailey and Jacquelyn Grant, Abington Press. 1995

This set of essays examines scripture in light of African American experience and seeks to outline a new way of viewing text. In addition, another set of essays puts forth African American theological writings on a variety of topics including the transmission of faith to African American children. Wide breadth of material.



Say it Loud: Middle-Class Blacks Talk about Racism and What to do About it, by Annie Barnes, The Pilgrim Press, 2000

Dr. Barnes interviewed 150 middle-class Black college students asking about their experiences of racism at school, work, in public settings and with police officers. She re-tells some of their stories — each chapter around a different theme. At the end of each chapter she summarizes what can be done about this part of racism by White persons and by Black person as individuals and collectively. This is an excellent resource for youth and young adults and helpful to those who feel overwhelmed and helpless in the face of racism. This book is deeply sad and deeply hopeful at the same time.

Show me a Hero: A Tale of Murder, Suicide, Race and Redemption, by Lisa Belkin, Little, Brown and Company, 1999

Ms. Belkin tells the story of a housing project built in New Jersey and the effects on the community of a real life situation where racial politics is laid raw. An engaging story told from the view points of the actual people of the story. The author has tried to understand a public event by looking at it from a wide variety of viewpoints, telling the stories of the mayor of the city, the people who moved into the housing project, those who protested the project, and those who helped to make the project happen.

Slaves in the Family, Edward Ball, Ballantine Books, 1998

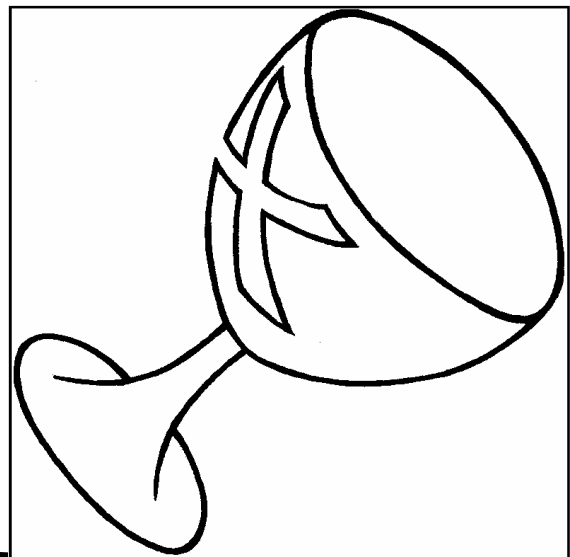
The author examines his family's history as slave owners.

Troubling Biblical Waters: Race, Class, and Family, by Cain Hope Felder, Orbis Books, 1995

This author names is book “an exploration” into the significance of the Biblical text for African American Christians. Dr. Felder's chapter on the Bible and the family is especially helpful for all readers.

Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice, Paul Kivel, New Society Publishers, 1996

Excellent summary with exercises on the topic of anti-racism and the role of white activists. Particularly helpful is chapter 6 summarizing the differences of democratic, anti-racist, and multicultural visions. A good beginning point for white groups beginning the journey. Also helpful is the excellent bibliography in the back of the book for further researching.



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Watch Me Fly: What I learned on the Way to Becoming the Woman I was Meant to Be, Myrlie Evers-Williams, Little, Brown, and Company 1999

In a first person style, the widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers tells her life story. Extremely moving and written as a testimony of faith, you cannot help but be touched by the courage of this woman. Highly recommended.

White Awareness: Handbook for Anti-racism Training, by Judith H. Katz, University of Oklahoma Press

This book is full of ideas for confronting and reshaping of white attitudes through awareness. Excellent book for ideas on group process for learning.

White by Law: The Legal Construction of Race, Ian F. Haney Lopez, New York University Press

Examines the legal issues of the construction of race in America and how this has been formed and formed us as a society.

White Reign, Deploying Whiteness in America, Edited by Joe L. Kincheloe, Shirley R. Steinberg, Nelson M. Rodriguez, and Ronald E. Chennault, St. Martin's Press.

This book examines whiteness as a cultural concept that our society has created and exposes systems that teach us how we think about race. These essays examine the construction of white identity and the possibility of reshaping whiteness in a progressive, nonracist manner, presenting a culture of whiteness that can be employed by educators, parents, and citizens concerned with racial justice.

The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie: An African American's Spiritual Journey to Uncover a Sunken Slave Ship's Past, by Michael H. Cottman

Through personal narrative of his experiences as a journalist and scuba diver exploring the wreck of a slave ship, the author takes you on a spiritual journey of what it means to share a history of despair and hope. This is a highly readable personal account of coming to terms with the history of slavery as an African American. Well written and extremely thoughtful. Clearly a testimony style of writing.

