

Resources from the Conversation on Racism

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Recommended Books

Eric H F Law, *The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb: A Spirituality For Leadership in a Multicultural Community* (Chalice Press: 1993).

Carol Tavris and Elliot Aronson, *Mistakes Were Made (but Not by Me): Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts* (Mariner Books: 2015).

David Brooks, *The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement* (Random House: 2012).

Robin DiAngelo, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* (Beacon Press: 2018).

Debby Irving, *Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* (Elephant Room Press: 2014).

Shannon Craigo-Snell and Christopher Doucot, *No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice* (Westminster John Knox Press: 2017).

James H. Cone, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (Orbis: 2013).

Kerry Connelly, *Good White Racist? Confronting Your Role in Racial Injustice* (Westminster John Knox Press: 2020).

Jason Reynolds , *All American Boys* (Atheneum Books: 2017).

Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* (The New Press: 2020).

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

Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* (One World: 2015).

Ibram X. Kendi, *How to Be an Antiracist* (One World: 2019).

Richard Rothstein, *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* (Liveright: 2018).

Anthony Ray Hinton and Lara Love Hardin, *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life, Freedom, and Justice* (St. Martin's Griffin: 2019).

Ibram X. Kendi, *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* (Bold Type Books: 2017).

Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi, *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers: 2020).

Other Resources

A 21-day race equity challenge to read and listen to articles and podcasts, watch videos, and notice the world around you through a particular lens is on the website of Myers Park Presbyterian Church at <https://myersparkpres.org/project/better-when-were-back-together/>. (Broad Street, Overbrook, and Mifflin are all doing this challenge.)

White Privilege: Let's Talk—A Resource for Transformational Dialogue is an adult curriculum from the United Church of Christ that is designed to invite church members to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive, and bold conversations on race. It is a downloadable PDF file that is free of charge and can be used by any church regardless of size or budget. Contents include the curriculum and a lesson outline provided by the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. Find it at <http://privilege.uccpages.org/>.

Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man: Four conversations with Emmanuel Acho about race that many white people have never been able to have. Each video is around ten minutes. Find them at <https://uncomfortableconvos.com/>.

Systemic Racism Explained is a short (4:23) video that examines what systemic racism is and how we can solve it. Systemic racism affects every area of life in the US from incarceration rates to predatory loans. Trying to solve these problems requires changes in major parts of our system. Find it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrHIQIO_bdQ.

The presentation by Chris Roseland at our presbytery's Matthew 25 event on May 30, 2020 is at: <https://ln2.sync.com/dl/1607e3ff0/8tj5cskz-rpwft77d-pgb4v82m-6asu3hwk>.

The PC(USA) website has a page of racial justice resources at <https://www.pcusa.org/racial-justice-resources/>.