

# BECOMING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

*A Journey Toward Racial Justice and Inclusion*



## A List of Resources for Individuals, Small Groups, and Families

Recommended by the TRUMC Ad Hoc Racial Justice Task Force- 2020

*We're inviting you to continue with us on our individual and collective journey toward racial justice and inclusion. We hope to enter into a period of stretching ourselves through self-reflection, learning and growing related to the complexities of racism and our response as people of Christ. With these goals in mind, the members of the Racial Justice Task Force have compiled a list of resources to guide you in your journey.*

**Please note:** *this is a list of recommendations. It is by no means complete or exhaustive. It has many different views in it. You may not agree with all of them, but please remember to go into them humbly, looking for the lane you can work in, and looking for where you need to deconstruct racism in yourself. Or pair up with a trusted friend and reflect together.*

### Resources for Individual Learning and Self-Reflection

#### ➤ Books/Online Education

##### ○ History of Systemic Racism

- *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*, by Ibram X. Kendi
- *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein (2017)

##### ○ Racism and the Church

- *Be the Bridge*, by Latasha Morrison (2019).
- *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew G.I. Hart (2016)
- *Better: Waking Up to Who We Could Be*, by Melvin Bray (Reimagining the way we tell our faith stories so that they point to the Beloved Community)

##### ○ Living from a Position of Power

- *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis (2016)
- *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*, by Robin DiAngelo

##### ○ Educational Essays on Many Aspects of Racism

- <https://www.ThoughtCo.com/race-relations>

## ➤ Podcasts

- 1619 (a podcast from the NY Times)

*Four hundred years ago, in August 1619, a ship carrying more than 20 enslaved Africans arrived in the English colony of Virginia. No aspect of the country that would be formed here has been untouched by the 250 years of slavery that followed. "1619," a New York Times audio series hosted by Nikole Hannah-Jones, examines the long shadow of that fateful moment.*

- About Race <https://www.aboutracepodcast.com>

*From the author behind the bestselling *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*, comes a podcast that takes the conversation a step further. Featuring key voices from the last few decades of anti-racist activism, *About Race with Reni Eddo-Lodge* looks at the recent history that lead to the politics of today.*

- Code Switch (NPR)

*What's CODE SWITCH? It's the fearless conversations about race that you've been waiting for! Hosted by journalists of color, our podcast tackles the subject of race head-on. We explore how it impacts every part of society — from politics and pop culture to history, sports and everything in between. This podcast makes ALL OF US part of the conversation — because we're all part of the story.*

- Intersectionality Matters! (hosted by Kimberlé Crenshaw)

*Intersectionality Matters! is a podcast hosted by Kimberlé Crenshaw, an American civil rights advocate and a leading scholar of critical race theory.*

## ➤ Video Series/Films

- Short videos on systemic racism: <https://www.raceforward.org/videos/systemic-racism>

*An 8-part video series (each 1 minute in length) that shows how racism shows up in our lives across institutions and society: Wealth Gap, Employment, Housing Discrimination, Government Surveillance, Incarceration, Drug Arrests, Immigration Arrests, Infant Mortality... yes, systemic racism is really a thing.*

- TED Talk: Color Blind or Color Brave? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKtALHe3Y9Q&t=688s>

*The subject of race can be very touchy. As finance executive Mellody Hobson says, it's a "conversational third rail." But, she says, that's exactly why we need to start talking about it. In this engaging, persuasive talk, Hobson makes the case that speaking openly about race — and particularly about diversity in hiring — makes for better businesses and a better society.*

- YouTube Video: "Why 'I'm not racist' is only half the story," Robin Diangelo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzLT54QjclA>

- Films:

- ❖ "42": *In 1947, Jackie Robinson becomes the first African American to play in Major League Baseball in the modern era when he was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers and faces considerable racism in the process.*

- ❖ *Just Mercy: This film takes us inside America's broken criminal justice system and compels us to confront inequality and injustice. Based on the bestselling book, the Just Mercy movie presents the unforgettable story of Bryan Stevenson (Michael B. Jordan) and the case of Walter McMillian*
- ❖ *12 Years a Slave: In the antebellum United States, Solomon Northup, a free black man from upstate New York, is abducted and sold into slavery.*
- ❖ *Selma: A historical drama about the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Representative John Lewis, among others.*
- ❖ *The Best of Enemies: Civil rights activist Ann Atwater faces off against C.P. Ellis, Exalted Cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan, in 1971 Durham, North Carolina over the issue of school integration.*

## Resources for Group Study and Discussion

- Christianity Today: Racism: How Should Christians Respond?

*Our faith must inform the way we think and act about this ongoing issue. This three-session group study could be done as a series or stand-alone. It includes a leader guide and a participant guide. Please contact Beth Corley for a copy: [bethcorley402@gmail.com](mailto:bethcorley402@gmail.com).*

- Cokesbury FaithLink: Connecting Faith and Life <https://www.cokesbury.com/faithlink>

*The world is complicated. Let's work through it together. Faithlink's ready-to-use lessons connect faith to the issues and events making headlines every day. Lesson plan includes learning about the issue, scripture for reflection, connection to UMC Social Principles, questions for reflection in each section. Issues are available for download weekly (\$9.99 per issue), or by e-mail subscription. Call 1-(844) 381-2708 to set up a subscription. A **new current event topic each week**. Recent lessons on race issues include:*

***Faithlink - Law and Order: Race, Police, and Protests (6/21/2020)***

***Faithlink - July 19, 2020 Police Reform Part 1***

***Faithlink - 7/26/2020 Police Reform Part 2***

- Getting Comfortable with Being Uncomfortable: Interracial Dialogues: Experiences of "Race to the Table SC"

*Beth Corley tells the story of growing an idea into a program that facilitates courageous conversations on race. Contact Beth Corley: [bethcorley402@gmail.com](mailto:bethcorley402@gmail.com).*

- UMC General Commission on Race and Religion: 7 Vital Conversations 1 <https://www.gcorr.org/series/vc1/>

*Vital Conversations features contemporary theologians, sociologists, laity, clergy, and other thought-leaders dealing with challenges of race, culture, and oppression in the church and world today. The videos (ranging from 11-20 minutes) are presented by the General Commission on Race and Religion of The United Methodist Church. A downloadable discussion guide is included for use with each of the videos.*

*The Friends in Faith Sunday school has used this curriculum. Contact Kate Bozik for details. [k8iaconetti@hotmail.com](mailto:k8iaconetti@hotmail.com)*

## Resources for Families, Children & Youth

### ➤ Books

- Different: A Story About Loving Your Neighbor, a beautiful book that teaches kids that differences – whether through race, nationality, gender, or more – are something to accept and celebrate. A tribute to author Chris Singleton's late mother, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton (2015 Mother Emmanuel victim).
- The Day You Begin, by National Book Award winner Jacqueline Woodson and two-time Pura Belpré Illustrator Award winner Rafael López, a poignant, yet heartening book about finding courage to connect. It's about how sometimes you can feel like an outsider but sharing our stories can bring us together.
- Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness, by Anastasia Higgenbotham, Named one of School Library Journal's best books of 2018, a picture book about racism and racial justice, inviting white children and parents to become curious about racism, accept that it's real, and cultivate justice.
- BLM Instructional Library (links to read-alouds of children's anti-racism books):  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18pOK3roiwPQ9WF7D2wA0o7Ktr8KwAJeZfn-o6O8T\\_Y/mobilepresent?fbclid=IwAR3kbHZ5DdfmUtktxDZe0ziCO9FWcruLDA-rr-HCfE9Xpehk2X7YZHER7IU&slide=id.g8628bccfda\\_0\\_13](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18pOK3roiwPQ9WF7D2wA0o7Ktr8KwAJeZfn-o6O8T_Y/mobilepresent?fbclid=IwAR3kbHZ5DdfmUtktxDZe0ziCO9FWcruLDA-rr-HCfE9Xpehk2X7YZHER7IU&slide=id.g8628bccfda_0_13)

### ➤ Films for Children and Families

- Remember the Titans
- Queen of Katwe
- The Color of Friendship
- Ruby Bridges

## Composite Lists

- Helpful list of anti-racism resources, including children's resources, articles, videos, podcasts, books, films, TV, organizations, and others: [bit.ly/ANTIRACISMRESOURCES](https://bit.ly/ANTIRACISMRESOURCES)
- Forbes article with books, children's resources, articles, youtube videos, movies, documentaries, TV, websites, podcasts, organizations, social media, petitions, donations, protest resources: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/juliawuench/2020/06/02/first-listen-then-learn-anti-racism-resources-for-white-people/#457f9a216ee3>