

Racial Justice Task Group Resources

The Racial Justice Task Group has performed extensive research as part of their work. Listed below are resources we believe may be of use to Pastors, Sessions, and Congregations, as well as the communities we live in. Our intent is to educate, inform, and stimulate discourse among each other.

Facilitators Available

Would your congregation like to learn more about how Racism impacts all of us - regardless of our race? The Racial Justice Task Group has a number of trained facilitators who are available to work with your Session and others to learn more and become an ally for Racial Justice. Please contact Steve Lynch sglytch@gmail.com or Diane Matthews matthewsdancer@hotmail.com to learn more.

Training Materials

- *My Grandmother's Hands*, Resmma Manakem, Central Recovery Press, 2017
 - Used in the training of the original members of the Racial Justice Task Group
- *The Racial Healing Handbook*, Anneliese A Singh, PhD, New Harbinger Publications, Inc, 2019
 - Used in the Brave Spaces Conversations 2024-2025
- [Courage Conversations \(PCUSA\)](#)
- [Examples of Racial Bias](#)

Becoming a Matthew 25 Congregation

- [The Confession of Belhar](#)
- [Dismantling Structural Racism](#)
- [Matthew 25 PC\(USA\) Resources](#)
- [Matthew 25 Congregations, Presbyteries, and Synods](#)
- [Presbytery of Baltimore Conference October 2024](#)
- *Example of 21-Day Racial Justice Challenge*
 - <https://www.fpcusa.org/racial-justice-challenge>
 - <https://mcpconline.org/2020/06/20/matthew-25-and-the-21-day-racial-justice-challenge/>
 - <https://www.westminsterpc.org/grow/adults/21-day-equity-racial-justice-challenge/>

The Doctrine of Discovery

It began in the 15th century when the popes issued a series of Papal Bulls, which authorized various European powers to conquer the lands of non-Christians.

- [Origins of the Doctrine of Discovery PC\(USA\)](#)
- [Native American Ministries \(PC\(USA\) Facebook Page\)](#)
- [Native American Intercultural Congregational Support PC\(USA\)](#)

Christian Nationalism

The False White Gospel, Jim Wallis, St. Martin's Essentials, 2024

The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy, Robert P Jones, Simon & Schuster 2023

Research

- *Christianity's American Fate: How Religion Became More Conservative and Society More Secular*, David A, Hollinger, Princeton University Press, 2022
- *The Luminous Darkness*, Howard Thurman, Friends United Press, 1989
- [*An Equity Profile of Lancaster County*](#)
- [*Evangelicalism Thrived Because It Enabled White Christians to Avoid Civil Rights Movements According to New Book*](#)
- [How to have curious conversations in dangerously divided times. How to Be a Better Human Podcast, with Mónica Guzmán, November 21, 2022](#)
- [*What the Black Church Can Teach Us About Being Christian*](#)
- [*Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community Antiracism Study Guides PC\(USA\)*](#)
- [*Presbyterian Mission Agency, Dismantling Structural Racism*](#)
- [*Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Why they are marks of the church, and how we can practice these values in our congregations and mid-councils*](#)

Authors of Color

We encourage you to learn about other cultures by reading authors of color such as the ones below. We welcome hearing from you about your favorites

- Maya Angelou – poet, non-fiction
- James Baldwin – essays, novels, plays and poems
- W E B DuBois – non-fiction and fiction
- Ralph Ellison –Novels, Essays, Letters
- Langston Hughes – Poet, novelist, playwright, columnist
- Toni Morrison – novels, essays, children's' writer, playwright, poetry, non-fiction

Race, Reconciliation and Reformation

- [*From PC\(USA\): Big Tent Bible Study*](#)
- [*From PC\(USA\): Shifting Accountability for Racial Ethnic Ministries in the PC\(USA\) from Variety to Equity - Study Guide*](#)

Videos

In today's world, video is a medium that provides a power impact and meaningful message that is more accessible to many people. Here are some suggestions. We welcome any you'd like to add.

- [At The River - Struggle and Grace in the segregated South](#)
- Bad Faith – Amazon Prime
- God and Country - Amazon Prime
- Harriet (2019) – Hulu, Apple TV, YouTube
- Just Mercy (2019) – YouTube and Apple TV
- [Let's get to the root of racial injustice " by Megan Ming Francis](#)
- [Micro-aggressions are like mosquito bites – powerful](#)
- Passing – Amazon
- [Racism in America Part 1 \(of 6\) presented by Sue Linderman](#)
- The Hate You Give (2017) – YouTube and Apple TV
- [The Talk – a brief, yet powerful P&G ad that will bring tears to your eyes](#)
- [Whiteness - Unmasking the World of Whiteness](#)
- [Video series: Trouble the Waters: Conversations to Disrupt Racism and Dominance](#)

Other Readings for Learning Opportunities

We encourage you to read some of these other books and visit websites to expand your understanding and grow your knowledge

- *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*, Jim Wallis, Brazos Press, 2016
- *Be the Bridge*, Latasha Morrison, Water Brook, 2019
- *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, BCP Library, 2015
- *Black Like Me*, John Howard Griffin, Penguin Group, 1962
- *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson, Random House, 2020
- [Heaven Looks Like Us](#)
- *How to be an AntiRacist*, Imbram X Kendi, One World Press, 2019
- *I'm Still Here, Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown, Convergent Books, 2018
- *Invisible Child*, Andrea Elliott, Random House Trade Paperbacks, 2022
- *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson, Spiegel & Grau 2015
- [Justice for Asian Women](#)
- *My Bondage and My Freedom* by Frederick Douglass, 2020 (Amazon)
- *Tears We Cannot Stop*, Michael Eric Dyson, St Martin's Press, 2017
- *The Color of Law*, Richard Rothstein, Norton, 2018
- *The Hate You Give*, Angie Thomas, Balzer and Bray, 2022

- *The Sum of Us*, Heather McGhee, One World, 2022
- *Twelve Years a Slave*, Solomon Northrup, Graymalkin Media, 2014
- *Waking Up White*, Debby Irving, Elephant Room Press, 2014
- *We Remain: Race, Racism and the Story of the American Indian*, Keith R Burich, PhD,, NFB Publishing, 2022
- [What Happens When White Identity Comes Before Christian Faith?](#)
- *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church*, William Yoo, Westminster John Knox Press, 2022
- [When Slaves were given a redacted bible that speaks about the treatment of runaway slaves](#)
- *While the World Watched*, Carolyn Maull-McKinstry, Tyndale, 2011
- *White Fragility*, Robin DiAngelo, Beacon Press, 2018
- *White Like Me*, Tim Wise, Publishers Group West, 2011
- [White Allies Network](#)
- [Wokeness, White Allyship, and Respect](#)