

Resources Recommended by Racial Justice Initiative members and Other Broad Streeters

Want to learn more about racial justice and why it's important in church life? We have resources to recommend and that you can find at your community library, on the internet, on streaming apps, or for purchase.

LONGER READ (Books–Nonfiction)

Wait - Is This Racist?

A Guide to Becoming an Anti-racist Church 185 pages
Kerry Connelly, Author with Bryana Clover and Josh Riddick

We Need To Talk About Race: Understanding the Black Experience in White Majority Churches 156 pages

Ben Kindsay

SHORTER READS (Articles/Document)

'When we know better, we do better' 4 pages

A conversation with 'What Kind of Christianity' author William Yoo about the history of anti-Black racism in the Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Historical Society - November 22, 2022

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2022/11/22/when-we-know-better-we-do-better/>

A Review of What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church 4 pages

authored by William Yoo; Andrew C. Stout, Reviewer

<https://englewoodreview.org/william-yoo-what-kind-of-christianity-review/>

Slavery alongside Christianity 6 pages

Juan Siliezar, Staff Writer, Harvard Gazette (2019)

<https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2019/01/a-harvard-exhibit-on-slavery-and-christianity/>

Becoming Trustworthy White Allies 5 pages

Melanie S. Morrison, Author (2013)

<https://reflections.yale.edu/article/future-race/becoming-trustworthy-white-allies>

Featured Resource

Recommended by RJI member Lynn Coons:

Broad Street Presbyterian Church is striving to be an anti-racist congregation. Over the past 20 years I've studied and read extensively on the topic. It will take all of us looking deeply into ourselves to truly make us, as a body, anti-racist. This "Continuum" will help us gauge where we are on that road.

Continuum on Becoming an Anti-Racist Multicultural Organization

Crossroads Ministry 1 page

https://philanos.org/resources/Documents/Conference%202020/Pre-Read%20PDFs/Continuum_AntiRacist.pdf

LISTEN

How White Christians Should Confront Racist Histories: A Conversation with Robert P. Jones 50 minutes

Expanding the Table Podcast, General Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist Church

<https://www.r2hub.org/library/podcast-jl343>

Theologians Explore the Roots of Anti-Asian Racism and What the Church Should Know 1 hour 17 minutes

Expanding the Table Podcast, General Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist Church

<https://www.r2hub.org/library/podcast-rrrmt>

Moving Your Church from Book Studies to Anti-Racist Actions

1 hour 16 minutes

Expanding the Table Podcast, General Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist Church

<https://www.r2hub.org/library/podcast-w4689>

WATCH

Recommended by BSPC member Jenni Dzwonczyk:

I didn't realize how purposeful the historical Presbyterian church was in protecting and promoting slavery and slaveholders. I wonder how easy or difficult it might have been for church members and church leaders to reconcile their beliefs about God and the horrors of slavery. What about today? Do I really care about what I claim to believe and what am I going to do about it?

Dr. William Yoo - "What Kind of Christianity" Book Talk

1 hour 15 minutes

Columbia Theological Seminary

Streamed live on Nov 10, 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIA5jIDQiCs>

Wait, Is This Racist? Modeling Inter-racial Conversations

1 hour 17 minutes

Kerry Connelly, Bryana Clover and Josh Riddick have a long heart to heart about White pseudo-supremacy, racism in the church, and how churches can become more truly anti-racist.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJ9ZJjRtNv0>

Featured Resource

Recommended by RJI member Sharon Sachs:

I am not a stranger to Black churches but know I am "the Other" when I attend. White people like me are so quiet at church! When Black friends tell me the music at our church doesn't do much for them, I imagine that is a time they feel like "the Other". This documentary challenges me to think about what the Black Church can teach me about grace, organizing and resilience, thriving and testifying, autonomy and freedom, solidarity and speaking truth to power.

The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song

4 hours in 1-hour episodes

Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Presenter and Producer (PBS, 2020)

REFLECT

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Recommended by RJI member Bob Hines:

I understand the image of Jesus I grew up with was appropriated by my ancestors, just as other cultures appropriate his likeness for themselves. When I denigrated other cultural versions of Jesus' likeness, I was simply wrong. I think allowing only white versions of our savior to be prominently displayed to the exclusion of all others is an expression of white dominance and inhibits the ability to honor the image of God visible in all people. I appreciate resources that help me meditate on the ways in which Jesus transcends skin color and racial divisions. Bob Hines

Images of Christ; 1p

<https://www-images.christianitytoday.com/images/68214.jpg?w=700>

with related article **Why Jesus' Skin Color Matters** 3pp

<https://www.ecwauusa.org/jesus-skin-color-matters/>

Other Recommended Websites with Resources

RJI members have reviewed these faith-based websites, and we found them useful for increasing our awareness and understanding of race, racism, and antiracism. We hope you will, too.

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Racial Justice Resources

<https://www.pcusa.org/racial-justice-resources/>

Ohio Council of Churches

Anti-racism Resources

<https://www.ohcouncilchs.org/copy-of-anti-racism>

<https://www.ohcouncilchs.org/copy-of-anti-racism-recommended-reading>

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Anti-Racism Book List

<https://www.bmpc.org/ministries/mission/anti-racism-initiative/886-anti-racism-book-list-and-conversation-groups>

Center for FaithJustice

Anti-Racism Resources

<https://faithjustice.org/engage/resources/antiracism-resources/>

JustFaith Ministries

<https://justfaith.org/programs/> (see Racial Justice)

<https://justfaith.org/blog/> (see race-related topics)

United Women of Faith (search Racial Justice)

<https://uwfaith.org/?s=racial+justice>

The Antioch Podcast

(Conversation among multiracial team of Christian antiracism educators and friends)

<https://antiochpodcast.org/>

Expanding the Table Podcast

(General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church)

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/agencies/religion-and-race>