



#WMIRaceandMission

Post-Conference Resource List

We recognize that the work of breaking down this “dividing wall” is an ongoing journey, and that while some of our conference participants have been involved in this work for a long time, others are now just beginning that journey. This work is hard and will require the sustained effort of many, at all different points along the wall. In that spirit, we’ve identified some key resources to help you continue to engage this topic, broken into three categories. Please use the key below to identify the most useful resources for you and your community.

Joining the Journey

These resources are most useful for a primarily white audience, likely one that is newly exploring these important issues of racial injustice.



- DiAngelo, Robin. [White Fragility](#).
 - A sociologist helps us see why racism is so difficult to discuss in the U.S. and why white Americans have been inculturated to not acknowledge race, even though it is omnipresent in U.S. culture, media, literature, history, religion and social relationships.
- Hill, Daniel. [White Awake](#).
 - An off-hand remark challenges an evangelical business consultant to look more deeply at systemic racism. His path of discovery is shared with honesty and humility.
- Gonchar, Michael. [“26 Mini-Films for Exploring Race, Bias and Identity with Students”](#)
 - This is a great resource from *The New York Times* to explore with students and youth in your church youth group or student group on campus.
- Blezard, Robert C. [“Unpacking White Privilege”](#)
 - This study guide is an effort by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to help white churches and individuals unpack their white privileges and what they can do with it. It also includes an article of stories about two individuals (African American and White European) working together to dismantle white privileges in the church.
- Kirwan Institute. [Implicit Bias Module Series](#)
 - This training module by Kirwan Institute at Ohio State University gives you an insight into how our minds work, help you understand the origin of our own implicit bias and how to address them.

- Barndt, Joseph. [*Becoming the Anti-racist Church: Journeying Toward Wholeness.*](#)
 - Barndt through his 30 years of anti-racism organizer and trainer especially with the Crossroads Ministry, laid out in this book the history of racism in the U.S. Church and offers helpful suggestions on shaping an anti-racist church.
- Tisby, Jemar. [*The Color of Compromise.*](#)
 - This book highlights the painful reality of how the American church throughout history has helped to create and maintain the racist ideas and practices. The book calls and challenges both white and black churches to follow an inclusive and equitable path.
- McNeil, Brenda Salter, [*Roadmap to Reconciliation 2.0: Moving Communities into Unity, Wholeness and Justice.*](#)
 - This revised and expanded edition of a previous edition, Roadmap to Reconciliation, provides an in-depth study/guidelines on how to pursue this path of reconciliation, realizing that there are bumpy steps ahead of you. If you are ready to take the next step into unity, wholeness, and justice, then this is the book for you.
- Wilson-Hartgrove, Jonathan, [*Reconstructing the Gospel: Freedom From Slaveholder Religion.*](#)
 - In this groundbreaking book, Wilson-Hartgrove exposes the troubling history of racism and white supremacy upheld by the church he grew up in and rediscovers a Christianity that is aligned to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Digging Deeper

These resources require some initial familiarity with institutional racism and white privilege and will help readers dive into the tougher and uncomfortable questions.



- Charles, Mark and Rah, Soong-Chan. [*Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*](#)
 - This award-winning book reveals the deep impact of the Doctrine of Discovery on the founding history of America and Christianity in the United States which justifies white supremacy and many injustices done to people of color. The authors call our nation and churches to a truth-telling that will expose past injustices and open the door to conciliation and true community.
- Swanson, David W. [*Rediscipling the White Church: From Cheap Diversity to True Solidarity.*](#)
 - This book helps people understand that racial injustice in the church can't be solve by increasing diversity, but by discipling the white church how to live and practice the faith and understand race in the way of Jesus.
- Racial Equity Tools. [*Racial Equity Tools.*](#)
 - This site is designed to support individuals and groups working to achieve racial equity. The site offers tools, research, tips, curricula, and ideas for people who want to increase their own understanding and to help those working toward justice at every level – in systems, organizations, communities and the culture at large.

- Oluo, Ijeoma. [*So You Want to Talk about Race*](#).
 - This NY Times best-seller by Nigerian-American scholar and author Ijeoma Oluo lays out clearly and powerfully how systemic racism operates in American culture and how to disrupt it.
- Morrison, Latasha. [*Be The Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*](#).
 - This book offers a way forward how we can engage in an open and honest conversation amidst the racial division and gap we live in. It works best to use in congregations or groups with both black and white people.
- Jennings, William James. [*The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*](#).
 - In elegant prose, Jennings traces the genesis and development of the concepts of race and European Christian mission.
- Allen, Todd and Daniel Hill. "[A Conversation at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary](#)"
 - This is a recording of a conversation on racism and the church by Daniel Hill, author of "White Awake," and Todd Allen, special assistant to the president and provost for diversity affairs and professor of communication at Messiah College.
- Jennings, Willie J. "[How to Draw Lines: The Christian Art of Forming Alliances](#)"
 - A lecture by Willie J. Jennings, during the annual Schaff Lectures in 2017 on The Christian Art of Forming Alliances. Forming alliances across political, social, cultural and economic differences is vital to Christian life in this world.
- Walker-Barnes, Chanequa. "[Until All of Us Are Free: How Racial Reconciliation Fails Black Women](#)" and "[Tell the Storm I'm New: What Real Reconciliation Looks Like](#)"
 - These two lectures by Chanequa Walker-Barnes present the failures of Christian racial reconciliation movement by neglecting the voice of black and women of color and offers new approach to racial reconciliation and racial justice.
- Marbury, Herbert. "[Sacred Texts and Contested Canons: A Biblical Witness in Polarized Times](#)"
 - A lecture by Herbert Marbury on African American interpretation of scripture.

Into Action

These resources are for the people ready to take their knowledge and lived experience out into their communities and move from learning into acting to break down the dividing wall.



- McNeil, Brenda Salter. [*Becoming Brave: Finding Courage to Pursue Racial Justice*](#).
 - In this newly-released book, McNeil challenges and invites Christians to be everyday activists who become brave enough to break the silence and work with others to dismantle systems of injustice and inequality. *Becoming Brave* offers a distinctly Christian framework for addressing systemic injustice.
- Camp, David. [White Ally Toolkit](#)
 - The White Ally Toolkit/Ally Conversation Toolkit helps white anti-racism allies do their part in the fight against racism. There are a variety of helpful resources on how to be a better ally.

- Addington, James R. [*Tragic Investment: How Race Sabotages Communities and What We Can Do About It*](#)
 - One of the clearest assessments of the hidden fault-line in U.S. society-race and racial prejudice and concrete steps leaders can take to name and mitigate it.
- Camp, David. [*Compassion Transforms Contempt*](#)
 - This book provides concrete tools for progressive on how to engage in a respectful and fruitful conversation during this political divide we experience in our nation.
- Wilson-Hartgrove, Jonathan. [*Revolution of Values: Reclaiming Public Faith for the Common Good*](#)
 - In this newly-released book, Wilson-Hartgrove offers a prophetic call for the church to reclaim its witness of faith in public life by working for justice and dignity of all as Jesus would do and not be held captive by the politics of fear and hatred.
- Harvey, Jennifer. [*Dear White Christians*](#)
 - One of the books that was highly recommend by Dr. Brenda during her presentation, *Dear White Christians* is for justice-committed Christians who are ready to do the gospel-inspired work of opposing racist social structures around them.