



#WMIRaceandMission Pre-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 further 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.

- 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.
- Merritt, Jonathan, Religion News Service, "[How American Christians can break free from 'slaverholder religion'](#)" This is an interview article with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove on his book, *Reconstructing the Gospel*.
- Griswold, Eliza, *The New Yorker Magazine*, "[How Black Lives Matter is Changing the Church](#)" This is an excellent article about how Brenda Salter McNeil's encounter with Black Lives Matter protester changed her theological understanding on reconciliation.



Digging Deeper

This resources requires some initial familiarity with institutional racism and white privilege, and will help readers dive into tough and uncomfortable questions.

- Swanson, David W., [Rediscovering 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 rediscovering the white church how to live and practice the faith and understand race in the way of Jesus.

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, [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.
- Banks, Adelle M., Religion News Service, "[Brenda Salter McNeil on racial justice: 'Silence is Violence'](#)" This is an interview article with Brenda Salter McNeil on her recent book, *Becoming Brave*.
- Campt, David, White Ally Toolkit, "[Message To White Allies From A Black Anti-Racism Expert: You're Doing It Wrong](#)" In this article, David Campt highlights principles of anti-racist allyship that will be helpful as we engage in conversation with others.



HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

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