

First-Step Race Resources

Read, Listen, Follow, Pray

A follow-up to Sunday February 14, 2021

I hope we are starting a robust conversation about some of the issues around race. Keep your Bibles open, remember that we are united in Christ, and continue to affirm one another in all that means.

READ - Here is a curated list of books and other short readings. This is not exhaustive but a good place to start.

Books

For an introduction to racial reconciliation in the Church:

[*Be the Bridge* by Latasha Morrison](#)

For a stark look at the American church's racist history:

[*The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby](#)

For a personal narrative:

[*I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown](#)

[*The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B. Du Bois](#)

Short reads

MLK's [Letter from a Birmingham Jail](#)

[Confessions Of An Accidentally Racially Blind Pastor](#)

[White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack](#)

LISTEN - follow these links to helpful podcasts. You also find and add them through your favorite podcast app.

[Be the Bridge](#)

[Truth's Table](#)

[Pass the Mic](#)

FOLLOW - diversify your social media feeds. Here are some good people to follow. You may not always agree, but they will help you think through these issues.

Diversify your social media feeds:

<p>Latasha Morrison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Instagram • Twitter 	<p>Austin Channing Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Instagram • Twitter
<p>Lucretia Berry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Instagram • Twitter 	<p>Thabiti Anyabwile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter
<p>Eugene Cho</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Instagram • Twitter 	<p>Robert Chao Romero</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Instagram • Twitter
<p>Jemar Tisby</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Instagram • Twitter 	<p>Esau McCaulley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Instagram • Twitter
<p>Nathan Luis Cartagena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter 	<p>Soong-Chan Rah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Twitter
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Pray - While the issue of race in America tends to be between black and white, we have an opportunity to step toward a broader picture of the kingdom by prayerfully exploring a deeper partnership with the Chinese Church.

Please pray for:

- growing love and unity between our congregations
- courageous, obedient hearts to work through challenges with gentleness and patience
- a shared vision of unity for the sake of the kingdom
- the right pace to moving forward