

# RACIAL AND ETHNIC SOCIAL JUSTICE

After the murder of George Floyd earlier this summer in Minneapolis a movement seems to have started. A spark that after too many years of inaction, hopefully has ushered in a new period of reflection on the injustices perpetrated on those of color as well as several other ethnic and racial groups.

To help us in the journey of understanding, Social Justice is offering a list of resources to explore. This will include books, films, podcasts, Ted Talks and other venues. We are encouraging you to share other resources to add to these pages. It is meant to be a fluid list with new resources added. Please check on the website periodically. Submit suggestions to Sue Ricker at [sellenricker@aol.com](mailto:sellenricker@aol.com).



## How to utilize this list:

- Small groups of no more than 10 seem to be most efficient. Gather friends, neighbors and family members to discuss. Set norms, find a venue such as outdoors, socially distancing, or virtually. Under a tree and seeing each other in person may be your choice. We see this happening a lot this summer.
- Explore any of these on your own. There may be something you have seen before, but want to experience again, possibly in a new light.

**“All Lives Matter”— On the surface, of course, this is true. However, “All Lives Matter” developed as a backlash to the rise of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement by white people who inferred that “Black Lives Matter” means that others don’t. (When Jesus says, “Let the children come,” or “Blessed are the peacemakers,” he certainly didn’t mean that adults and non-peacemakers do not matter!) And some white people have sought to vilify or misrepresent Black Lives Matter’s message as violent and anti-white. This is false. Rather, the current movement asserts that Black lives should matter as much as white lives, but they currently do not in our society. In fact, BLM was developed in response to the disproportionate number of unarmed Black people killed by law-enforcement officers in recent years. The movement has expanded to make more visible the reality that Black people across the globe are more likely than white people to have substandard healthcare, to live in unsafe housing, to die by**

violence, receive poor prenatal care, to be incarcerated and receive longer sentences for the same crime—all because of the long-standing institutional racism. BLM supporters are calling attention to generations of disparity and discrimination.

- Overt and Covert Racism: <https://www.gcorr.org/overt-and-covert-racism/>

## **United Methodist Resources**

END RACISM: United Methodists Stand Against Racism (includes variety of links to resources) <https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/advocating-for-justice/racial-justice/united-against-racism>

## **UMC General Board of Church and Society**

Online Course. “Implicit Bias: What We Think”. \$20.00 fee

Small group: Is Reverse Racism a “Thing?”

## **From the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry**

Short vignettes you may sign up and receive in email.

## **From UMC Discipleship Ministries.**

Praying for change. Emailed daily prayers.

## **From General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR)**

Overt and Covert Racism: <https://www.gcorr.org/overt-and-covert-racism/>

Online Course – You Are Here: First Steps for White Christians on Race and Racism (\$39.99 fee): <https://www.gcorr.org/you-are-here-first-steps-for-white-christians-on-race-and-racism/>

Online Course – Anti-Racism 101: Required Skills for White People Who Want to be Allies (\$39.99 Fee): <https://www.gcorr.org/anti-racism-101-required-skills-for-white-people-who-want-to-be-allies/>

## **From Mountain Sky Annual Conference**

Anti-Racism Resources Guide: <https://www.mtnskyumc.org/newsdetail/msc-releases-anti-racism-resources-for-personal-and-local-church-engagement-14024604>

**YouTube**

Epigenetics of Racism. Jane Elliott. (An update from the Brown Eyes/Blue Eyes classroom experience.)

# TED Talks

- *How to Overcome Your Biases.* Verna Myers.
- *Let's Get to the Root of Racial Justice.* Megan Ming Francis
- *The Racial Politics of Time.* Brittney Cooper
- This is a Playlist of several Talks under [www.ted.com/playlists/250/talks\\_to\\_help\\_you\\_understand\\_racism-in-America](http://www.ted.com/playlists/250/talks_to_help_you_understand_racism-in-America).
- *The Danger of a Single Story.* Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. [www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda\\_adichie\\_the\\_danger\\_of\\_a\\_single\\_story?language=en](http://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story?language=en)
- *Native American Prisoners of War.* Aaron Henry. Pine Ridge Indian Reservation
- *13 Brilliant TED Talks on Racism, Colorism and Prejudice.* Camille Eddy. Variety of groups and topics.

## Podcasts

*A Better Life?* A new podcast on immigrant experiences.

*The Social Matters*

*All My Relations.* Native American experiences hosted by 2 Native American Women

*Self Evident.* Asian Americans' stories

*See Something Say Something.* Muslim community

*My Colorful Nana Project.* Definition of beauty, femininity and Blackness through a discussion of hair.

*1619.* The arrival of a slave ship in America

*Code Switch.* Hosted by journalists of color

*Me and White Supremacy*

*Justice in America*

*Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*

*The Stoop.* About Blackness, race and identity in America

*The Diversity Gap*

*Pod Save the People.* Explores news, culture, social justice and politics

*Politically Reactive*

*Faith Talks.* A United Methodist Women podcast

## Films

*Just Mercy*

*Green Book*

*To Kill a Mockingbird*

*12 Years a Slave*

*Loving*

*The Joy Luck Club*

*Dear White People*

## Netflix Offerings

Netflix was chosen because this seems to be the cable streaming most popular.

*Murder to Mercy: The Cynthia Brown Story*

*Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson*

*Let It Fall* (Los Angeles riots from 1982-92)

*LA92* (Rodney King)

*Who Killed Malcolm X*

*13<sup>th</sup>*. Prison system and people of color

*Remastered: The Two Killings of Sam Cook*

*The House on Coco Road*

*The Innocence File*

## Books

*White Fragility*. Robin Diangelo

*The New Jim Crow*. Michelle Alexander

*Unworthy Republic: The Dispersion of Native Americans and the Road to Indian Territory*. John Loughery and Blythe Randolph

*Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race*. Beverly Daniel Tatum

*The Warmth of Other Suns*. The Epic Story of America's Great Migration. Isabel Wilkerson.

*Caste*. The Origins of Our Discontents. Isabel Wilkerson

*The Life of a Klansman*. A Family History in White Supremacy. Edward Ball

*Deep South*. Paul Theroux

*A People's History of the US* by Howard Zinn. Recommended by Bishop Karen Oliveto.