

Anti-Racism Resources for Congregations

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General Resources:

- ELCA resources on racial justice: <https://elca.org/Resources/Racial-Justice>
- Southern Poverty Law Center: <https://www.splcenter.org/>
- Racial Equity Tools: <https://www.racialequitytools.org/home>
- Be the Bridge: <https://bethebridge.com/>
- The King Center: <https://thekingcenter.org/>

History:

- Equal Justice Initiative Museum: <https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/>
- **FILM:** Documentary with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. :“*Reconstruction: America After the Civil War*”: <https://www.pbs.org/weta/reconstruction/>
- Massacres in U.S. History from the Zinn Education Project: <https://www.zinnedproject.org/collection/massacres-us/>
- Wilmington Race Riot of 1898: <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/wilmington-race-riot-1898/>
- Red Summer, Chicago 1919: <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/chicago-race-riot-of-1919>
- Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921: <https://youtu.be/EO3Fxe4mDP4>
- Rosewood Race Massacre of 1923: <https://www.history.com/topics/early-20th-century-us/rosewood-massacre>
- **FILM:** “*Selma*” (2014), a movie directed by Ava Duvernay, can be accessed on most streaming platforms such as Netflix and Prime Video. Discussion guide: <http://teachwithmovies.org/selma/>
- **FILM:** “*Freedom Summer*” (2014), documentary by Stanley Nelson, Jr., about the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer that worked toward voting rights for African Americans. Can be viewed via most streaming platforms such as Netflix and YouTube. More information can be accessed at: <https://www.zinnedproject.org/materials/freedom-summer-film>

Incarceration and Policing:

- <https://www.blackpast.org/special-features/race-crime-and-incarceration-united-states/>
- <https://theconversation.com/the-racist-roots-of-american-policing-from-slave-patrols-to-traffic-stops-112816>
- **FILM:** Ava Duvernay's documentary, "13th: From Slave to Criminal with One Amendment" can be accessed on most streaming platforms, including Netflix. Discussion guide for the documentary: <https://educationforjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Film-Discussion-Guide-13th.pdf>
- **FILM AND BOOK:** "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson: www.justmercy.eji.org. Study guide for book and movie: <https://catholicismobilizing.org/resource/just-mercy-study-guide-printable>

Books for Adult Education and Discussion:

- *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* by Lenny Duncan (2019). Rev. Duncan is an ELCA pastor. www.lennyduncan.com
- *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood.* By Trevor Noah (2019). Trevor Noah engages major issues of race in a heartbreaking, human way. Can be ordered at <https://www.trevornoah.com/>
- *The Cross and the Lynching Tree.* By James Cone. Dr. Cone presents a major understanding of the redemption of Christ in the context of racial oppression. A challenging and powerful theological reflection.
https://www.cokesbury.com/9781626980051-The-Cross-and-the-Lynching-Tree?cid=382102048&aid=1212761697564501&keyword=4579397213587028%3A%3A&kid=4579397213587028&msclkid=65cb3edb39231c98ede26029187f177a&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Shopping+-+Books&utm_term=4579397213587028&utm_content=Ad+group+%231&
- *How to Be an Antiracist* (2019) by Ibram X. Kendi. Discussion guide: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5913d00603596e07853ef761/t/5dc37dafd013963f1c034404/1573092786304/bookclubkit.ANTIRACIST.pdf>. Ibram X. Kendi's website: <https://www.ibramxkendi.com/how-to-be-an-antiracist-1>
- *So You Want to Talk about Race* by Ijeoma Oluo (2019). Discussion guide: https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/so-you-want-to-talk-about-race_readers-guide.pdf. Ijeoma Oluo's website: <http://www.ijeomaoluo.com/>
- *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo (2019). Discussion guide: http://www.beacon.org/Assets/PDFs/white_fragility_disc_guide.pdf. Robin DiAngelo's website: <https://robindiangelo.com/>

- *Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism* by James Loewen (2018)
- *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi (2017) (NOTE: a workbook is also available)
- *White By Law: The Legal Construction of Race* by Ian Haney Lopez (2006)
- *Dialogues on: Race* published by Augsburg Fortress (leader guide and learner guide): <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286976/Dialogues-On-Race?lv=true>

Books for Children:

- *Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice* by Marianne Celano, Ph.D. and Marietta Collins, Ph.D. (2018).
- *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o (2019).
- *Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up to be Malcolm X* by Ilyasah Shabazz (2014).
- *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson (2018).
- *We're Different, We're the Same* (Sesame Street Book) by Bobbi Kates (1992).
- *Race Cars: A Children's Book About White Privilege* by Jenny Devenny (2016).
- *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold (2018).
- *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers (2018)
- *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History* by Vashti Harrison (2017)
- *Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History* by Vashti Harrison (2019)
- **FILM:** *Selma Lord Selma* (Disney Movie, available by DVD)
- **FILM:** *Ruby Bridges* (1998) (Disney Movie, available via Prime Video)

Books for Teens:

- *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi (2020). Educator guide: <https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Stamped-Educator-Guide.pdf>
- *This Book is Anti-Racist* by Tiffany Jewell (2020)
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas (2017). **Book and Movie.** Discussion guide with resources: <https://bookriot.com/2019/11/21/the-hate-u-give-book-club-questions/>

TED Talks:

- *The Danger of a Single Story*
(https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story?referrer=playlist-talks_to_help_you_understand_r)
- *Talks to Help You Understand Racism in America*
(https://www.ted.com/playlists/250/talks_to_help_you_understand_r)