

Tapestry Resources:

Ideas for engaging your congregation in racial reconciliation and healing

Because we enter the conversation about racism and prejudice with different experiences and levels of understanding, we have categorized these resources ranging from level 101 to level 301. Level 101 is for those beginning the process of uncovering racism within and without. Level 201 is for those who have some experience with the issues, but are ready to engage the topic in more depth. Level 301 is for those who are ready for more challenge.

Level 101

Books or articles – read and discuss in a book study

- *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *Sing for Your Life: A Story of Race, Music and Family* by Daniel Bergner
- Article: “Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack” by Peggy McIntosh
- *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving
- *The Ways of White Folks* by Langston Hughes
- *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* Beverly Daniel Tatum

Movies – watch as a group and discuss afterward

- *Black Panther (2018)*
- *The Help (2011)*
- *Hidden Figures (2017)*
- *Lincoln (2012)*
- *Mudbound (2017)*
- *Fences (2016)*
- *12 Years a Slave (2013)*

Studies

Troubling the Waters – ELCA

https://resources.elca.org/Social_Issues-

[Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the Church.html](https://resources.elca.org/Social_Issues-Troubling_the_Waters_for_the_Healing_of_the_Church.html)

Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation – Bread for the World

<https://www.bread.org/library/racial-wealth-gap-learning-simulation>

Level 201

Books

- *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the Church's Complicity in Racism* by Jemar Tisby
- *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in U.S.* by Lenny Duncan
- *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- *Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan
- *White Like Me* by Tim J. Wise

Movies

- *Amistad (1998)*
- *Detroit (2017)*
- *Loving (2016)*
- *A Time to Kill (1996)*

Studies

White Privilege: Let's Talk – United Church of Christ <http://privilege.uccpages.org/>

Documentary series

America to Me (10 episodes--2018)

Level 301

Books

- *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone
- *God of the Oppressed* by James Cone
- *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead
- *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi
- *Understanding and Dismantling Racism* by Joseph Barndt
- *White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin DiAngelo
- *Who Lynched Willie Earle?* by William H. Willimon

Movies

Emanuel (2019)

Moonlight (2016)

Straight Outta Compton (2015)

Studies

United Methodist Church Vital Conversations video series <https://www.gcorr.org/series/vc1/>



Field Trips and Educational Experiences

Places to visit throughout Virginia

<https://www.virginia.org/blackhistoryattractions/>

<http://afrovirginia.org/>

<https://www.virginia.org/listings/HistoricSites/AfricanAmericanHeritageTrail/>

Tidewater/Peninsulas region

Chesapeake History Trail

<https://www.visitchesapeake.com/things-to-do/history/aaht/>

Portsmouth Colored Community Library Museum

<https://portsvafricanamericanheritage.com/resources/>

The Emancipation Oak and Hampton University

http://www.hamptonu.edu/about/emancipation_oak.cfm

American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

<https://www.historyisfun.org/?s=African%20Americans>

National resources

National Park Service: Underground Railroad/Network to Freedom sites

https://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/about_ntf/index.htm

Photos from the Civil Rights Movement

<https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/civil-rights-photography/9wISPkiyouv-Lw?hl=en>

National Museum of African American History and Culture

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions>