

Anti-Racism Resources

“We believe Black Lives Matter... We believe that positive change is possible and that we are called by Jesus to be agents of this change, in communion and solidarity with all individuals and communities – religious and secular, Christian or otherwise – who see peace with justice.”

- Rev. Stanley Jenkins & The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Lansing

Below are a variety of resources, sourced from APCE (Association of Presbyterian Church Educators), All Saints Episcopal Church (Lansing), PCUSA (Presbyterian Church U.S.A.).

For Families: Resources for Talking about Race and Diversity

Flyaway Books: [For Beautiful Black Boys Who Believe in a Better World](#): New book from Flyaway Books that is coming soon and [study guide from Mohammad Ali Center](#) available now. Browse all of the books on the site for more about diversity and inclusion.

[God’s Dream, Archbishop Desmond Tutu](#)

[I Can Make a Difference, Marian Wright Edelman](#)

Possible book club for children and parents, tweens, youth (suggestions)

[Just Mercy](#): (book) adapted for Young Adults

[Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry](#) (older children/tween/chapter book)

[Brown Girl Dreaming](#) (older children/tween/chapter book)

[Children's Book List](#) (embracerace.org) - books primarily for ages 12 and under

[Book List](#) for young children, elementary, youth, and adults

[Resources from Jenna Campbell’s Faithful Families site](#)

[From Wendy Claire Barrie](#)—an article about talking to your kids about race with links

[From Christine V Hides](#)—talking with your children about racism with links (United Methodist)

[A curated list of books](#) from PCUSA Store to include resources for [adult study](#).

Also from PCUSA: [Becoming the Beloved Community](#)

7 minute recording on NPR site about “Raising White Kids and Talking About Race” as well as an excellent article by Martin Murray focused on white parents / white children.

<https://www.npr.org/2020/05/31/866426170/raising-white-kids-author-on-how-white-parents-can-talk-about-race>

American Psychological Association – this page has good resources
<https://www.apa.org/res/parent-resources/>

Children’s Defense Fund – Haley Farm (Books about African Americans, For and About African American children).

<https://cdfwebstore.com/collections/gift-ideas>

Prayer (Can be used in worship, pushed out through social media, etc. Written for adult / young adult / youth comprehension).

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/a-prayer-in-a-time-of-anger-unrest-and-injustice/>

Resources for white parents to raise anti-racist children

- [Check out these books for children and young adults](#) from the list of Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners
- [Listen to](#) the Parenting Forward podcast episode ‘Five Pandemic Parenting Lessons with Cindy Wang Brandt’
- [Listen to](#) the Fare of the Free Child podcast
- [Read](#) PBS’s Teaching Your Child About Black History Month
- [Follow](#) The Conscious Kid on Instagram

[How to Talk to Kids About Race and Racism](#) (Parent Toolkit)

The steps (broken down in the article):

1. Actually talk about it
2. Set the example
3. Navigate their curiosity
4. Make it relatable
5. Address mistakes
6. Be an advocate

[Talking About Race](#) (National Museum of African American History & Culture)

Help your child understand what race is, how it operates in society, and why race in America is important. Includes excellent videos to share with youth or use in your own learning.

[Resources on Talking to Your Children about Social Justice](#) (Children's Community School). Download [this graphic](#) - "They're Not Too Young to Talk About Race!"

[Talking to Kids About Racial Violence and Police Brutality](#) (USA Today)

Developmentally appropriate ways to talk about racism and police brutality.

For Further Study:

Articles to read

- [“America’s Racial Contract Is Killing Us”](#) by Adam Serwer | Atlantic (May 8, 2020)
- [Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement \(Mentoring a New Generation of Activists\)](#)
- [“My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant”](#) by Jose Antonio Vargas | NYT Mag (June 22, 2011)
- [The 1619 Project \(all the articles\)](#) | The New York Times Magazine
- [“The Intersectionality Wars”](#) by Jane Coaston | Vox (May 28, 2019)
- [Tips for Creating Effective White Caucus Groups](#) developed by Craig Elliott PhD
- [“White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack”](#) by Knapsack Peggy McIntosh
- [“Who Gets to Be Afraid in America?”](#) by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi | Atlantic (May 12, 2020)
- [“What white churches can do about racism”](#) – June 10, 2020
- [“Two advocacy committees call on PC\(USA\) to recommit to struggle for racial justice”](#) (Racial Equity Advocacy Cmte and Advocacy Cmte for Women’s Concerns) – May 28, 2020
- [“6 Ways White People Can Dismantle White Supremacy,”](#) Unbound – May 26, 2020
- [“We unreservedly condemn the killings of African Americans,”](#) news story and video from the PC(USA)’s African Presbyterian Leaders Alliance – June 9, 2020
- [“Beyond protest, how can you and your church bring change,”](#) by Jimmie Hawkins, director of PC(USA) Office of Public Witness – June 8, 2020 | [Video: Why is protest important?](#) (19 min.)
- [“How should we protest, and why?”](#) – June 3, 2020
- [“We fall to our knees with you: A statement from the National Middle Eastern Presbyterian Caucus”](#) – June 2, 2020

Videos to watch:

- [Black Feminism & the Movement for Black Lives: Barbara Smith, Reina Gossett, Charlene Carruthers \(50:48\)](#)
- ["How Studying Privilege Systems Can Strengthen Compassion"](#) | Peggy McIntosh at TEDxTimberlaneSchools (18:26)

Podcasts to subscribe to:

- [1619 \(New York Times\)](#)
- [About Race](#)
- [Code Switch \(NPR\)](#)
- [Intersectionality Matters! hosted by Kimberlé Crenshaw](#)
- [Momentum: A Race Forward Podcast](#)
- [Pod For The Cause \(from The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights\)](#)
- [Pod Save the People \(Crooked Media\)](#)
- [The Combahee River Collective Statement](#)

Books to read:

- [Black Feminist Thought](#) by Patricia Hill Collins
- [Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower](#) by Dr. Brittney Cooper
- [Heavy: An American Memoir](#) by Kiese Laymon
- [How To Be An Antiracist](#) by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
- [I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings](#) by Maya Angelou
- [Just Mercy](#) by Bryan Stevenson
- [Me and White Supremacy](#) by Layla F. Saad
- [Redefining Realness](#) by Janet Mock
- [Sister Outsider](#) by Audre Lorde
- [So You Want to Talk About Race](#) by Ijeoma Oluo
- [The Bluest Eye](#) by Toni Morrison
- [The Fire Next Time](#) by James Baldwin
- [The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#) by Michelle Alexander
- [The Next American Revolution: Sustainable Activism for the Twenty-First Century](#) by Grace Lee Boggs
- [The Warmth of Other Suns](#) by Isabel Wilkerson
- [Their Eyes Were Watching God](#) by Zora Neale Hurston
- [This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color](#) by Cherríe Moraga
- [When Affirmative Action Was White: An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century America](#) by Ira Katznelson
- [White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism](#) by Robin DiAngelo, PhD
- [“Good White Racist? Confronting Your Role in Racial Injustice”](#) by Kerry Connelly (March 2020)
- [“For Beautiful Black Boys Who Believe in a Better World”](#) by Michael W. Waters (coming September 2020) - *Preorder*. | [Free discussion and activity guide](#).
- [“Ten Essential Strategies for Becoming a Multiracial Congregation”](#) by Jacqueline J. Lewis and John Janka (March 2018)
- [“Brian the Brave”](#) by Paul Stewart and Jane Porter (August 2019) – children’s book
- [“No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice”](#) by Shannon Craigo-Snell and Christopher Doucot (October 2017)
- [“Preaching About Racism: A Guide for Faith Leaders”](#) by Carolyn B. Hessel (December 2018)
- [“Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism”](#) by Carolyn B. Hessel (February 2018)
- [“Race in a Post-Obama America: The Church Responds”](#) by David Maxwell and Otis Moss III (May 2016)
- [“Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race”](#) by Debby Irving (January 2014)

Films and TV series to watch:

- 13th (Ava DuVernay) — Netflix
- American Son (Kenny Leon) — Netflix
- Black Power Mixtape: 1967-1975 — Available to rent
- Clemency (Chinonye Chukwu) — Available to rent
- Dear White People (Justin Simien) — Netflix
- Fruitvale Station (Ryan Coogler) — Available to rent
- I Am Not Your Negro (James Baldwin doc) — Available to rent or on Kanopy
- If Beale Street Could Talk (Barry Jenkins) — Hulu
- Just Mercy (Destin Daniel Cretton) — Available to rent
- King In The Wilderness — HBO
- See You Yesterday (Stefon Bristol) — Netflix
- Selma (Ava DuVernay) — Available to rent
- The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution — Available to rent
- The Hate U Give (George Tillman Jr.) — Hulu with Cinemax
- When They See Us (Ava DuVernay) — Netflix

Organizations to follow on social media:

- Antiracism Center: [Twitter](#)
- Audre Lorde Project: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Black Women's Blueprint: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Color Of Change: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Colorlines: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- The Conscious Kid: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Equal Justice Initiative (EJI): [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Families Belong Together: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- MPowerChange: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Muslim Girl: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- NAACP: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- National Domestic Workers Alliance: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- RAICES: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ): [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- SisterSong: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- United We Dream: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)

More anti-racism resources to check out:

- [75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice](#)
- [Anti-Racism Project](#)
- [Jenna Arnold's resources \(books and people to follow\)](#)
- [Rachel Ricketts' anti-racism resources](#)
- [Resources for White People to Learn and Talk About Race and Racism](#)
- [Save the Tears: White Woman's Guide by Tatiana Mac](#)
- [Showing Up For Racial Justice's educational toolkits](#)

- [“Why is this happening?” — an introduction to police brutality from 100 Year Hoodie](#)
- [Zinn Education Project’s teaching materials](#)
- PC(USA)’s [Facing Racism](#) website and resources
- [Racial Equity & Women’s Intercultural Ministries](#) webpage
- [Racial Equity and Cultural Humility resources](#) from Presbyterian Women, Inc.