

Resources Mentioned During the GCC: *Racial Injustice - From Complicity to Commitment*

Gathered by the GCC Organizers / First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley
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FRIDAY CONVERSATIONS WITH MARK LABBERTON

- [The Wages of Whiteness](#) by David R. Roediger
- [2 Corinthians 7](#)
- [Dwight Radcliffe on Black Pain](#) Conversation Podcast with Mark Labberton
- [Political Dealing: The Crisis Of Evangelicalism](#) - Speech by Mark Labberton
- [Politics and Religion: When Faithfulness Calls for Bad Manners](#) - Article by Mark Labberton
- [By Our Love](#) song played during reflection - performed by Kristen Engle

Jemar Tisby

- [Born of Conviction: White Methodists and Mississippi's Closed Society](#) by Joseph T. Reiff
- [A Quiet Exodus](#) New York Times article by Campbell Robertson
- Jemar Tisby's organization [The Witness - A Black Christian Collective](#)
- Listen to Jemar Tisby [Podcasts & Videos](#)
- Pre-Order Jemar Tisby's new book [How to Fight Racism](#) ships January 5, 2021
- [Color of Compromise](#) by Jemar Tisby

Michael McBride

- Michael McBride's Church in Berkeley [The Way Christian Center](#)
- Take Action with Michael McBride's Organization [Live Free](#)
- Listen to Michael McBride [Podcasts & Videos](#)

SATURDAY PANEL WITH CHARLENE HAN POWELL

Alexia Salvatierra

- [Faith Rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World](#) by Alexia Salvatierra
- [Evangelical Immigration Table – Welcoming the Stranger](#)
- [Brown Church: Five Centuries of Latina/O Social Justice, Theology, and Identity](#) by Robert Chao Romero
- Rev. Deborah Lee and [Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity – All People are Sacred Across Bars and Borders](#)
- Nazi Germany [Martin Niemöller: Biography](#)

- [Matthew 3](#)
- [1 Cor. 12: 24](#): if one part suffers, every part suffers with it
- [Rev. James M. Lawson](#) focused on Divine Persistence, MLK Jr. theologian

Dominique DuBois Gilliard

- [Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery](#) by Mark Charles, Soong-Chan Rah
- [Remembering Rightly](#) Mark Charles speaks at First Pres Berkeley / Project Peace
- [Race: A Theological Account](#) by J. Cameron Carter
- [The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race](#) by Willie James Jennings
- Orienting congregations towards justice: [Dominique DuBois Gilliard: God's Justice Moves Toward Restoration](#)
- [Evangelical Immigration Table – Welcoming the Stranger](#)
- [Justice Journey For Kids](#)
- [Dominique DuBois Gilliard's Truth Is Louder Than His Trauma](#)
- Seeing Jesus from a Jewish identity: [Jesus the Jew in America](#)
- [Rethinking Incarceration](#) by Dominique DuBois Gilliard
- Curriculum (videos + discussion guide) [Series | Rethinking Incarceration](#)

Raymond Chang

- Ray is President and Cofounder of the [Asian American Christian Collaborative \(AACC\)](#)
- Ray wrote this [Open Letter to John Piper](#)
- Follow Ray Chang's [Twitter Feed](#)
- [The Three R's](#) by John Perkins: Relocation, Redistribution, Reconciliation
- <https://www.nathancartagena.com/blog/the-church-invented-race-and-spread-structural-racism> from Robert Chao Romero and Nathan Cartagena
- Dr. Peter Cha and [Mosaic Initiative](#)
- [Myths America Lives By](#) by Richard T. Hughes
- [Crisis Evangelism: Preparing to be Salt and Light When the World Needs Us Most](#) by Mark Neuenschwander
- <https://bookshop.org/books/thy-kingdom-come-how-the-religious-right-distorts-faith-and-threatens-america-an-evangelical-s-lament/9780465005208>
- [The Prophetic Imagination](#) by Walter Brueggemann

SUNDAY CONVERSATION WITH KAMAL HASSAN

- Conversations with Howard Thurman videos - [Part 1](#) + [Part 2](#)

- [Conversation with Dr. Kenneth Hardy – How to be an Ally](#) SF Presbytery Event Saturday October 24
- [Biblical Language for a God Who Transcends Gender](#) - Wil Gafney
- [Translation Matters: A Fem/Womanist Exploration of Translation Theory and Practice for Proclamation in Worship](#) - Wil Gafney
- [“America’s Moment of Reckoning”: Cornel West Says Nationwide Uprising Is Sign of “Empire Imploding”](#) - Cornel West on Democracy

Resources for Developing Our Hearts for Racial Justice

by the First Pres Racial Justice Working Group

June 11, 2020

Blessings First Pres family,

As we move forward from our June 7th, Sunday evening service, *Break Us, O Lord: Service of Repentance*, the *Racial Justice and the Church Working Group* (RJCWG), with input from other First Pres congregants, recommends the following resources as tools to help us all more fully develop hearts for racial justice.

The resources cover four broad domains:

1. The work of Black artists who give voice to the Black community, including the violence inflicted upon the Black community;
2. The concepts of whiteness, white fragility and white supremacy;
3. Writings on race, racism and on being anti-racist; and
4. Pieces that focus on the intersection of faith and race and racism.

The resources listed below are culled from a larger list which we will make available later on the First Pres website. We know that an exhaustive list can overwhelm people with *too many* choices and with an uncertainty about where to begin. In addition, we hope that with a limited list of resources, there might be a greater possibility of conversations across the First Pres family as we make our way through some of these resources.

We recognize that for some congregants, these materials will be new. The list was generated with a focus on the current historical moment of the killing of George Floyd and other Black Americans. As such, we wish to keep, for now, the focus on Black lives and anti-blackness. The list does not, thus, include a wealth of resources about the Asian/Asian American, Latina/o, and Native American communities' experience with racism in the US (that will be part of the larger list).

We encourage you to dive into these resources with humble hearts and minds that are open to new ideas. For those who have already engaged with these resources, we ask you to return to them. In either case, as you read, listen, and watch, consider how the current historical "moment" shapes how you engage with the resources. Or, similarly, to consider how, as followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to fight racism, to be anti-racist, as we love our neighbor as ourselves. Please email racialjustice@fpcberkeley.org with any questions.

Statements of Faith and Racial Justice

Letters from leaders of faith across the racial spectrum

- [A Pastoral Letter to the Nation](#); Bishop William J. Barber, II
- [A Soul Check for White Christians](#); John Kingston
- [To My White Brothers and Sisters](#); René Valverde

- [Asian American Complicity with Anti-Blackness](#); Katherine Lam

Recent Sermons from Local Black Churches

- [Pentecost Sunday 31 May 2020. Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church - Entire Service](#)
- [Pentecost Sunday 31 May 2020 Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church - SERMON ONLY](#)
- [Pentecost Sunday 31 May 2020 Imani Community Church - Entire Service](#)

“Podcasts” on Faith and Racial Justice

These are “letters” of faith from leader of faith across the racial spectrum

- [On Black Pain](#); Dwight Radcliff and Mark Labberton
- [We Need to Talk about an Injustice](#), Bryan Stevenson
- [Grace, Justice & Mercy](#), A conversation with Bryan Stevenson and Tim Keller

Articles on Racism, Whiteness, and Anti-Racism

- [The Case for Reparations](#), Ta-Nehisi Coates
- [The 1619 Project](#), The New York Times
- [The American Nightmare](#), Ibram X. Kendi
- [Our Democracy Founding Ideals Were False When They Were Written. Black Americans Have Fought to Make Them True](#). Nikole Hannah-Jones
- [White Privilege](#), Peggy McIntosh

Books on Racism, Whiteness, and Anti-Racism

- [Strength to Love](#), M.L. King, Jr.
- [How to be an Antiracist](#); Ibram X. Kendi
- [Me and White Supremacy](#), Layla F. Saad
- [So You Want to Talk about Race](#), Ijeoma Oluo
- [White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism](#), Robin DiAngelo
- [Between the World and Me](#), Ta-Nehisi Coates

Books on Black Life

- [I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings](#), Maya Angelou
- [The Fire Next Time](#), James Baldwin
- [The Bluest Eye](#), Toni Morrison
- [Red at the Bone](#), Jacqueline Woodson

Movies on Black life and Racism

- [13th](#), Ava DuVernay
- [Just Mercy](#), based upon the book By Bryan Stevenson
- [I’m Not Your Negro](#), based upon the writing of James Baldwin
- [Fruitvale Station](#), Ryan Coogler
- [Selma](#), Ava DuVernay

Young Adult Books on Black Life and Racism

- [Maizon at Blue Hill](#), Jacqueline Woodson

- [*Dear Martin*](#), Nic Stone
- [*All American Boys*](#), Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- [*Ghost Boys*](#), JewelParker Rhodes
- [*March*](#) (trilogy), John Lewis, artwork by Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell (graphic novel)

Picture Books on Black Life and Racism

- [*I, Too, Am America*](#), Langston Hughes, artwork by Bryan Collier
- [*We March*](#), Shane W. Evans
- [*Voices of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer*](#), Carole Boston Weatherford, artwork by Ekua Holmes
- [*Our Children Can Soar*](#), Michelle Cook, artwork by various artists