

NEAC Commission on Religion & Race
Suggested Reading
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Key Guide: **B** – Beginner; **I** – Intermediate; **A** - Advanced

Introduction to Race/Racism and Key Definitions

- Crass, C. (2015). *Towards the "Other America"*. St Louis, MO: Chalice Press. **B**
- Fleming, C.M. (2019). *How to be Less Stupid about Race: On Racism, White Supremacy, and the Racial Divide*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press. **B**
- Giovanni, N. (1994). *Racism 101*. New York: W. Morrow. **I**
- Kendi, I.X.. (2019). *How to be an Antiracist*. New York, NY: One World. **B**
- Kendi, I.X.. (2019). *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*. New York, NY: Nation Books. **B**
- Oluo, I. (2020). *So You Want to Talk About Race*. New York, NY: Seal Press. **B**

Theology and Race/Racism & Racial Justice

- Cone, J. H. (2011). *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books.
- Deloria, V. (2003). *God is Red: A Native View of Religion*: Golden, CO: Fulcrum Books. **I**
- Douglas, K.B. (2015). *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books.
- Dyson, M.E. (2019). *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*. New York: NY: St. Martin's Press. **B**
- Francis, L.G. (2015). *Ferguson and Faith: Sparking Leadership & Awakening Community*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press.
- Jennings, W. J. (2010). *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Thandeka. (2013). *Learning to be White: Money, Race, and God in America*. New York: Bloomsbury.
- Tisby, J. (2018). *The Color of Compromise: The Truth About the American Church's Complicity in Racism*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Press.

The Methodist Church History, Racism & Racial Justice

- Kirk, W.A. (2010). *The Politics of Ending Church Discrimination: The United Methodist Story*. Suitland, MD: OMS Corporation.
- Melton, J.G. (2007). *A Will to Choose: The Origins of African American Methodism*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.
- Murray, P.C.. (2004). *Methodists and the Crucible of Race 1930-1975*. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press. I

African American Perspectives on Race and Racism

- Angelou, M. (2009). *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. New York: Ballentine Books. B
- Baldwin, J. (1964). *The Fire Next Time*. Harmondsworth: Penguin. I
- Bernard. E. (2019). *Black is The Body: Stories from My Grandmother's Time, My Mother's Time and Mine*. New York: Knopf.
- Brown, A.C. (2018). *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. New York, NY: Convergent Books. B
- Coates, T. (2015). *Between the World and Me*. New York: Spiegel & Grau. B
- Hooks, B. (1996). *Killing Rage: Ending Racism*. New York: Henry Holt and Company.
- Lorde, Audre. (2019). *Sister Outsider*. London: Penguin Books. I
- Saad, L. (2020). *Me and White Supremacy*. Naperville, IL: Sourcebooks. B
- Tatum, B. (2017). *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* New York: Basic Books. B
- Thomas, A. *The Hate U Give*. New York: Balzer + Bray. B

European American Perspectives on Race and Racism

- Anderson, C. (2017). *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide*. New York: NY: Bloomsbury. B
- DiAngelo, R. (2012). *What Does it Mean to Be White?* New York: Peter Lang. B
- DiAngelo, R. (2018). *White Fragility: Why it's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press. B
- Frankenberg, R. (1993). *White Women, Race Matters: The Social Construction of Whiteness*. Minneapolis: MN: University of Minnesota Press.

Irving, D. (2014). *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*. Cambridge, MA: Elephant Room Press **B**
Meredith, C. (2019). *The Color of Life: A Journey Towards Love and Racial Justice*. Grand Rapids: MI: Zondervan.

Native American Perspectives on Race and Racism

Forbes, J.D. (1993) *Africans and Native Americans: The Language of Race and the Evolution of Red-black Peoples*. Champaign, IL: University of Illinois Press.

Racial (in)justice and the Criminal Justice System

Alexander, M. (2012). *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. New York: NY: The New Press. **B**
Stevenson, B. (2014). *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. New York, NY: Spiegel & Grau. **B**