Anti-racism resources

The following is an initial list of resources (books and online) compiled by the *Working Group on Inclusion* to help people familiarize themselves with the issue of racism. Further resources will be added and suggestions are welcome.

Book recommendations

- 1. <u>I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness</u>, Austin Channing Brown An eye-opening account of growing up Black, Christian, and female that exposes how white America's love affair with "diversity" so often falls short of its ideals.
- 2. <u>Between the World and Me</u>, Ta-Nehisi Coates Coates' attempt to answer big questions about American history and ideals in a letter to his adolescent son.
- 3. <u>The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power</u>, Desmond Cole *A bracing, provocative and perspective-shifting book about race and resistance in modern-day Canada.*
- 4. The Cross and the Lynching Tree, James H. Cone
 Renowned Black theologian explores the interconnection of the cross and the lynching tree in the history and
 souls of Black folk in America. A helpful study guide to this work, from the Diocese of Rhode Island, can be found
 here.
- 5. The Black Christ, Kelly Brown Douglas

 A compelling portrait of who Jesus is for the black community, from the early slave testimonies to the writings of prominent religious and literary figures through the Civil Rights and Black Power movements.
- 6. <u>Invisible North: The Search for Answers on a Troubled Reserve</u>, Alexandra Shimo *A vivid first-person account of life on a troubled reserve that illuminates a difficult and oft-ignored history.*
- 7. Seven Fallen Feathers: Racism, Death, and Hard Truths in a Northern City, Tanya Talaga A look at the history of Thunder Bay, which has come to manifest Canada's long struggle with human rights violations against Indigenous communities.
- 8. The 500 Years of Resistance Comic Book, Gord Hill A powerful and historically accurate graphic portrayal of Indigenous resistance to the European colonization of the Americas.
- 9. <u>Microaggressions in Everyday Life: Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation</u>, Derald Wing Sue *An analysis of the many subtle forms of bias and discrimination which take their toll on marginalized people, along with practical suggestions on what can be done.*
- 10. White Fragility, Robin DiAngelo
 An exploration of the phenomenon of white fragility: how it develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.
- 11. Everyday White People Confront Racial and Social Injustice: 15 Stories, various authors *The personal stories, experiences, and reflections of 15 prominent White anti-racists.*

For those wishing to purchase books, you may wish to consider supporting local bookstores such as "A Different Booklist," an African-Canadian owned bookstore showcasing the literature of the African and Caribbean diaspora: https://www.adifferentbooklist.com.

In addition, some other bookstore options people can consider are found at this link.

Online resources

The following is a partial list of online resources from the Diocese of Toronto website.

- 1. The Anglican Church of Canada's Charter for Racial Justice
- 2. The Episcopal Church's anti-racism training manual, Seeing the Face of God In Each Other
- 3. The Diocese of Toronto's Report, Being Multicultural, Becoming Intercultural and its executive summary.
- 4. The United Church of Canada's resources on Anti-Racism
- 5. Cracking Open White Identity Towards Transformation, Canadian Council of Churches
- 6. A Perspective on Cultural Diversity in an Anglican Setting, by the Rev. Dr. Sonia Hinds (D. Min. thesis)
- 7. <u>No Longer Strangers: Ministry in a Multicultural Society</u>, by the Rev. Dr. Romney Moseley. A report to the Anglican Church of Canada with recommendations and study guide.

For additional resource recommendations, please visit the diocesan website here.

Recommendations about 'Anti Racism in the Church' from Rev. Philip Stonhouse, compiled by Christine Ivy:

- 1. Why We Can't Wait, by Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Cotton, J.D Jackson, Beacon Press. 1964
- 2. Embrace, by Leroy Barber, IVP Books. 2016
- 3. Becoming Brave, by Brand Salter McNeil, 2020
- 4. Be The Bridge, Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation, by Latasha Morrison, Waterbrook. 2019
- 5. How to Fight Racism, Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice, by Jemar Tisby, 2021
- 6. Prophetic Lament, by Soong Chan Rah, A Call for Justice in Troubled Times, IVP Books, 2015
- 7. Beyond Color Blind, by Sarah Shin, IVP Books, 2017
- 8. The Myth of Equality, Uncovering the Roots of Injustice and Privilege by Ken Wytsma, IVP Books, 2019
- 9. The Beautiful Community, Unity, Diversity and the Church at its Best, by Irwyn L. Ince Jr., IVP Books, 2020
- 10. Unsettling Truths by Mark Charles, Soong-Chan Rah, The Ongoing Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery, IVP Books, 2019
- 11. Rescuing the Gospel from the Cowboys, A Native American Expression of the Jesus Way, by Richard Twiss, IVP Books, 2015
- 12. Reading While Black, African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope, by Esau McCaulley, IVP Books, 2020
- 13. A Beginner's Guide to Crossing Cultures, Making Friends in a Multicultural World, by Patty Lane, IVP Books, 2002
- Roadmap to Reconciliation 2.0, Moving Communities into Unity, Wholeness and Justice, by Brenda Salter McNeil, IVP, 2020
- 15. Awake, An honest look at what it means to be white, by Daniel Hill, IVP Books, 2017
- 16. Mixed Blessings, Indigenous Encounters with Christianity in Canada, by Tolly Bradford & Chelsea Horton (Editors), UBC Press, 2017
- 17. Ethnic Identity, Bringing Your Full Self to God, by Steve Tamayo, Lifeguide Series, 2020
- 18. Forgotten Legends, Steve Ray Gallegos, 2015