



Racial Reconciliation Resource List

-compiled by Ohio Conference's Grace & Groundings Resource Team

BOOKS

- ***Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison. 2019**
Author: Morrison is a faith-centered reconciler, network discussion leader, podcaster, and sought-after speaker in the fight for racial justice.
Book: "...presents a compelling vision of what it means for every follower of Jesus to become a bridge builder—committed to pursuing justice and racial unity in light of the gospel."
Christian Book Award, Evangelical Christian Publisher Association Best Seller, *New York Times* Best Seller.
- ***Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope* by Esau McCaulley. 2020**
Author: Dr. McCaulley is assistant professor of New Testament at Wheaton College, author, and a contributing opinion writer for *The New York Times*.
Book: "...McCaulley argues that reading Scripture from the perspective of Black church tradition is invaluable for connecting with a rich faith history and addressing the urgent issues of our times." Christian Book Award® program, Outreach Resources of the Year, Christianity Today Book Award, The Gospel Coalition Book Award
- ***Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. 2015**
Author: Bryan Stevenson is the executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama, and a professor of law at New York University Law School.
Book: "... at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice."
#1 *New York Times* best seller. NAACP Image Award for Nonfiction
- ***Been in the Struggle: Pursuing An Antiracist Spirituality* by Regina Shands Stoltzfus and Tobin Miller-Shearer. 2021**
Authors: Shands Stoltzfus teaches at Goshen College in the religion, justice and society department. Miller Shearer is Professor of History at the University of Montana, where he is director of African-American Studies.
Book: "Together, this Black woman and White man address the spirituality of conflict and crisis, embracing Blackness amid an anti-Black culture, and the importance of spiritual disciplines in the work of antiracism."
- ***Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew G.I. Hart. 2016**
Author: Public theologian and professor of theology at Messiah University; 10 years of pastoral experience.
Book: "Utilizes personal and everyday stories, theological ethics, and anti-racism frameworks to transform the church's understanding and witness."
- ***Who Will Be a Witness: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance* by Drew G.I. Hart. 2020**
Author: Public theologian and professor of theology at Messiah University; 10 years of pastoral experience.
Book: "Offers a vision for communities of faith to organize for deliverance and justice in their neighborhoods, states, and nation as an essential part of living out the call of Jesus."

- ***Dear White Peacemaker: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace* by Osheta Moore. 2021**
Author: Osheta Moore is a writer, pastor, speaker, and podcaster in Saint Paul, MN. She is the outreach and teaching pastor at Woodland Hills Church and the pastor of community life at Roots Covenant Church alongside her husband.
Book: The book “is a breakup letter to division, a love letter to God’s beloved community, and an eviction notice to the violent powers that have sustained racism for centuries.”

- ***Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Today* by Eddie S. Glaude Jr. 2020**
Author: Dr Glaude is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University, where he chairs the Center for African American Studies and the Department of African American Studies.
Book: “...Glaude’s endeavor, following Baldwin, to bear witness to the difficult truth of race in America today.”
 New York Times bestseller.

- ***White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* by Robert P. Jones. 2021**
Author: Dr. Jones is the president and founder of Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) and a leading scholar and commentator on religion, culture, and politics.
Book: “...a provocative examination of the unholy relationship between American Christianity and White supremacy, and issues an urgent call for White Christians to reckon with this legacy for the sake of themselves and the nation.”

- ***So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Uluo. 2018**
Author: Ijeoma Oluo is a writer, speaker and internet yeller.
Book: “Oluo guides readers of all races through ... an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race, and about how racism infects every aspect of American life. #1 New York Times bestseller.”

FILMS

- ***Just Mercy***- a film adaptation of the book by the same name. A world-renowned civil rights defense attorney works to free a wrongly condemned death row prisoner.
- ***Remember the Titans***- an African-American coach leads a newly integrated high school football team in 1970s Virginia.
- ***Red Tails***- a crew of African American pilots in the Tuskegee training program, having faced segregation while kept mostly on the ground during WW II, are called into duty.
- ***Glory Road***- the story of the first all African-American college basketball team.
- ***42***- a film about Jackie Robinson, the first black athlete to play in Major League Baseball during the modern era.
- ***Selma***- a historical drama based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches planned and led by James Bevel, Martin Luther King Jr., Hosea Williams, and John Lewis.

OTHER

- ***Why Following Jesus Is Political***- a podcast episode with Osheta Moore and Jon Huckins during which they share personal stories, including Moore's experience as a Black woman who is directly impacted by broken policies.
- ***Series on Solidarity***- a six-part series of videos with accompanying questions for small groups on intercultural ministry and racial reconciliation created by a group of Ohio Conference congregations from Wayne County.
- ***Voices of Faith*** - a ten-day devotional to learn about and celebrate Black History Month, inspired by the persevering hope of Africans throughout history and around the globe.

Additional resource suggestions can be sent to graceandgroundings@gmail.com