

## RACIAL RECONCILIATION RESOURCE LIST

### Printed Resources

#### Racial Reconciliation and the Church

1. United by Faith: the Multiracial Congregation as an Answer to the Problem of Race by Curtiss Paul DeYoung, Michael O. Emerson, George Yancey, and Karen Chai Kim. As America grows ever more ethnically diverse, Christian churches remain racially homogeneous. This state of affairs must end, argues these sociology professors; indeed, church integration is central both to the Christian mission and to racial equality at large.
2. Free to Be Bound: Church Beyond the Color Line by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. Free to Be Bound chronicles Jonathan's experience as he crosses color lines that fragment the church--lines that should make us question why they exist at all. With an honest heart and passionate voice, Jonathan delivers a call for true unity within the church that will inspire every believer.
3. Let Justice Roll Down, by John Perkins. His brother died in his arms, John was beaten and tortured by the sheriff and state police, but through it all he returned good for evil. Perkins story is a gripping portrayal of what happens when faith thrusts a person into struggle against racism, oppression and injustice. It is about the cost of discipleship, and transforming work of faith that allowed John to respond to such overwhelming indignities with compassion, vision and hope. Perkins is a prolific writer and speaker on issues of race and the church.
4. A Mosaic of Believers: Diversity and Innovation in a Multiethnic Church by Gerardo Mardi. Mosaic in Southern California is one of the largest multiethnic congregations in America, and also one of the most innovative. This book takes us inside this unusual church. Based on interviews and participation with the congregation, the book presents a rich portrait of an emerging religious community.
5. Grace Matters: A Memoir of Faith, Friendship, and Hope in the Heart of the South by Chris Rice. While a student at Middlebury College in Vermont, Rice decides to volunteer for six months at Voice of Calvary, a multi-racial inner city community in Jackson, Mississippi. Rice's six month visit became a seventeen year stay, and transformational experience.
6. Multi Cultural Ministry, Finding Your Church's Unique Rhythm by David Anderson. Anderson writes about multicultural leadership not from the perspective of an ivory tower intellectual, but as a hands-on practitioner who loves and believes in the body of Christ. If you believe there is no solution to the race problem, reconsider and learn from someone who is on the frontlines of making multicultural ministry a reality in the church today.
7. The Church Enslaved: A Spirituality of Racial Reconciliation, by Michael Battle & Tony Campolo. Two of the most vocal activists on racial issues in the church seek nothing less than a conversion of American Christianity. They directly challenge the churches to resume leadership in overcoming and redressing America's legacy of racial segregation.
8. Blood Done Sign My Name, by Timothy Tyson. In this personal story, Tyson, a professor of African-American studies who's white, unflinchingly examines the civil rights struggle in the South. The book focuses on the murder of a young black man, Henry Marrow, in 1970, a tragedy that dramatically widened the racial gap in the author's hometown of Oxford, N.C.

9. God has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time, by Desmond Tutu. Nobel Prize winner Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu has long been admired throughout the world for the heroism and grace he presented while encouraging countless South Africans in their struggle for human rights. In his most soul-searching book, he shares the spiritual message that guided him through those troubled times.
10. Divided By Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America by Michael O. Emerson and Christian Smith. "[E]vangelicals desire to end racial division, but likely do more to perpetuate the racial divide than tear it down." The evangelical emphasis of individualism lends to the idea that most racial problems can be solved if individuals will only repent of their sins. Therefore, many well-meaning strategies for healing racial divisions carry within them the seeds of their own defeat. *Divided by Faith* also includes a brilliant history of evangelical thought about race from colonial times to the civil rights movement.
11. One Body, One Spirit; Principles of Successful Multi-Racial Churches, by George Yancey. As society diversifies, local churches find themselves interacting with people from every tribe and tongue. But not every church is equipped to handle the realities of ethnic and racial diversity in their congregational life. Sociologist George Yancey's pioneering research on multiracial churches offers key principles for church leaders wanting to minister to people from a variety of racial and cultural backgrounds.
12. Race: A Theological Account, by J. Kameron Carter. Carter, a professor at Duke Divinity, meditates on the multiple legacies found in a racialized world. These are the legacies of colonialism and empire, political theories of the state, anthropological theories of the human, and philosophy itself, from the eighteenth-century to the present. Carter's claim is that Christian theology, and the transformation it underwent, is at the heart of these legacies. As a result, Christianity became the cultural property of the West, and the religious ground of white supremacy.
13. The Black Church in the African-American Experience, by C. Eric Lincoln & Lawrence H. Mamiya. This is a comprehensive resource book developed from a ten-year field study that investigated the black church as it relates to the history of African Americans and to contemporary black culture. The information listed is a powerful and extremely useful tool in giving researchers an in-depth look into the church's relationships to politics, economics, women, youth, music, civil rights, and trends for the next century.

### **Racial Reconciliation—General Resources**

1. Race Matters, by Cornel West
2. Racism Without Racists, by Eduardo Bonilla-Silva
3. White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son, by Tim Wise
4. The Debt: what America Owes to Blacks, by Randall Robinson
5. Understanding and Dismantling Racism, by Joseph Barndt
6. The First Emancipator: Slavery, Religion, and the Quiet Revolution of Robert Carter, by Andrew Levy.
7. The Covenant with Black America, ed. by Tavis Smiley
8. Is Bill Cosby Right? by Michael Eric Dyson
9. The Color of Love: A Mother's Choice in the Jim Crow South, by Gene Cheek
10. A People's History of the United States: 1492-Present, by Howard Zinn
11. Buried in the Bitter Waters: The Hidden History of Racial Cleansing in America, by Elliot Jaspin

12. Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism, by James Loewen
13. Lies my Teacher Told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong, by James Loewen
14. Faces at the Bottom of the Well: The Permanence of Racism, by Derrick Bell
15. Enter the River: Healing Steps from White Privilege Toward Racial Reconciliation, by Jody Shearer

#### Online and Media Resources

1. [www.timwise.org](http://www.timwise.org)
2. [www.pbs.org/race/](http://www.pbs.org/race/)
3. [www.tracesofthetrade.org/](http://www.tracesofthetrade.org/)
4. [www.withoutsanctuary.org/](http://www.withoutsanctuary.org/)
5. [www.crossroadsantiracism.org/](http://www.crossroadsantiracism.org/)
6. [www.pisab.org/](http://www.pisab.org/)
7. [www.astrongerkinship.com/](http://www.astrongerkinship.com/)
8. "Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible" (DVD) available online at [www.world-trust.org/videos/](http://www.world-trust.org/videos/)
9. "Beneath the Skin: Baptists and Racism" (DVD) by the Baptist Center for Ethics

#### Multi-Racial/Multi-Ethnic Churches in the US

1. Grace Bible Fellowship, Cary, NC [www.gbf-nc.org](http://www.gbf-nc.org)
2. Hope Chapel, Apex, NC [www.hopenc.org](http://www.hopenc.org)
3. Church of All Nations, Minneapolis, MN [www.cando.org](http://www.cando.org)
4. Mosaic, Los Angeles, CA [www.mosaic.org](http://www.mosaic.org)
5. McLean Bible Church, Reston, VA [www.mcleanbible.org](http://www.mcleanbible.org)
6. Meadows Baptist Church, Plano, TX [www.meadowsbaptist.org](http://www.meadowsbaptist.org)
7. Website lists 150 multi-racial churches, <http://djchang.com/directory/multi-racial>

#### Small Group Studies

1. "Crossing the Racial Divide" from the editors of Sojourners in Washington DC. Includes 25 articles with discussion questions. These articles are divided into four sessions and the study includes lesson plans for each session. 1-800-714-7474.
2. David Anderson's book, Multi Cultural Ministry, Finding Your Church's Unique Rhythm includes a survey for small group members (Appendix 1) and a six session small group curriculum (Appendix 2). This book can be purchased on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).
3. "God's Grace from Place to Place," by Abingdom Press focuses on how God's Spirit gave momentum to the Civil Rights Movement. Materials for all ages are available. [www.abingdonpress.com](http://www.abingdonpress.com).