



## Suggested Resources that Support Anti-Racism Efforts

### Theological References

- Episcopal church's **"Becoming Beloved Community Where You Are: A Resource for Individuals, Congregations, and Communities Seeking Racial Healing, Reconciliation & Justice"**,  
[https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/05/Becoming-Beloved-Community-Where-You-Are\\_2022.pdf](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/05/Becoming-Beloved-Community-Where-You-Are_2022.pdf)
- Diocese of PA Loving Presence Group's report, **"Toward a Vision of Anti-Racist Transformation in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania: A Revolution of the Heart Leading to a Discipline of Action"**,  
<https://www.diopa.org/uploads/attachments/ckq2qw4be41p4ciqs0o9bhghs-lovingpresencegroupreportfinal.pdf>
- Rev. Canon Kelly Brown Douglas, **"The Truth About the Confederacy in the U.S."**, <https://youtu.be/QOPGpE-sXh0>.
- Rev. Canon Kelly Brown Douglas, ***Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and The Justice of God***. Rev. Douglas' book is divided into two parts. First, she examines the stand your ground culture that took Trayvon Martin's life. In Part two she addresses the meaning of God in these stand-your-ground times.

- Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart, *Preaching Black Lives Matter*, edited by Rev. Stewart, is a collection of sermons in a collaborative effort to answer the question, **“What Does It Mean to be Black in the Episcopal Church?”**
- Dr. Anita Phillips is a pastor recognized as a leader for her groundbreaking work at the intersection of mental health, faith, and culture. She can be viewed on numerous YouTube conversations and sermons, such as **“Body Language: A Conversation on Race and Restoration in the Body of Christ”**,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1P6AXjXnXc>
- Bishop Barbara Harris, *Hallelujah, Anyway! A Memoir*
- Bishop Michael Curry, *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*
- Howard Thurman, *Jesus and the Disinherited*. A classic theological treatise which demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and franchised.
- The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, Bishop of Missouri, **“A Covenant to Root Out Racism,”**  
[https://www.diocesemo.org/files/8015/9486/8731/2020\\_Covenant\\_FINAL\\_1.pdf](https://www.diocesemo.org/files/8015/9486/8731/2020_Covenant_FINAL_1.pdf)
- James H. Cone, *The Cross and The Lynching Tree*. This book forces us to acknowledge the horrors of the past and to see clearly the mutant forms of racism in the present. Then it shows how Grace upstages disgrace through the power of the Cross. It points a way toward forgiveness, reconciliation and the restoration of the community. Goodreads reported that while the

*lynching tree symbolized white power and black death, the cross symbolizes divine power and black life.*

## **Books**

### **Non-Fiction**

- Ibram X. Kendi, *How to Be an Anti-Racist*  
This book outlines the author's journey to become an anti-racist. His belief is that there are differences between races, but these differences are not responsible for inequalities --- policies are.
- Ibram X. Kendi, *Stamped from the Beginning*  
A definitive history of Racist Ideas in America.
- Robin DiAngelo, *White Fragility* answers the question: Why is it so hard for White People to Talk About Racism? It is a call for White people to see their whiteness for what it is and to seize the moment to make things better now.
- Derrick Bell, *Faces at the Bottom of the Well: The Permanence of Racism*. Dr. Bell, a distinguished legal scholar and noted civil rights activist, presents a radical vision of the persistence of racism in America. He writes when whites perceive that it is profitable to deal with Blacks in a non-dissimulatory basis, they do. Discrimination surmounts when they fear a loss or inconvenience to themselves.
- Carol Anderson, *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide*. This book written by an African American professor at Emory University exams the way African American progress has been halted and repressed. She presents that a powerful cocktail of

economic self-interest, fear and hatred on the part of America's white elites is responsible.

- William C. Hawkins and Willard A. Ramsey, *The Trail of Truth*
- Debby Irving, *Waking Up White*. *This is a call for white people who want to consciously contribute to racial justice rather than perpetuate patterns of racism.*
- Isabel Wilkerson, *The Warmth of Other Suns*.  
The epic story of America's Great Migration.
- Isabel Wilkerson, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*.  
The author exams the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions
- Ellis Cose, *The Envy of the World: On Being a Black Man in America*.  
*Reminiscent of James Baldwin's "Letter to My Nephew," Cose presents a frank examination of the challenges facing black men in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*
- Stacey Abrams, *Our Time Is Now*.  
*Ms. Abrams exposes systematic voter suppression efforts across America and tells us what we need to do to fight back.*
- Les Payne, *The Dead Are Rising: The Life of Malcolm X*.  
*A Pulitzer prize-winning author whose book is completed by his daughter Tamara. A broader picture of Malcolm's life is presented with interviews from his family and friends.*

- Jesmyn Ward, ***Men We Reaped.*** *A memoir of her community in the town of Delisle, MI where within four years, five young men dear to her died due to accidents, murder, and suicide.*
- Michele Alexander, ***The New Jim Crow***, first published in 2010, the new edition 2020 discusses mass incarceration.
- Martha Jones, ***Vanguard.*** *Highlighting Black female activism, the author tells how Black women broke barriers to fight for political power.*
- Michael Eric Dyson, ***Long Time Coming.*** *The Vanderbilt professor explains Black anxiety over interactions with police.*
- Richard Rothstein, ***The Color of Law.*** *A timeline of segregation as a deliberate product of systematic and forceful Government action.*
- Dr. Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers, ***They Were Her Property.*** *A focus on the interactions between white women and the enslaved children, women, and men they used as property.*
- Carol Randall Williams, the great, great granddaughter of Edmund Pettus, ***“You Want a Confederate Monument? My Body is a Confederate Monument.”*** NYTimes Op-ed 2020.
- Emanuel Acho, ***Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man.*** *A former NFL linebacker writes a combination memoir and guide dealing with stereotyping and the N-word.*
- William Ryan, ***Blaming the Victim.*** *Originally published in 1970, William Ryan’s groundbreaking and exhaustively researched work challenges both liberal and conservative assumptions, serving up a devastating critique of the mindset that causes us to blame the poor for their*

*poverty and the powerless for their powerlessness. More than 40 years later, it is even more meaningful for its diagnosis of the underpinnings of racial and social injustice.*

- Kristin Henning, ***The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth***. *This is a vivid and enraging account of how Black children don't get to be children in the eyes of police, politicians, and sometimes their own teachers. Ms. Henning, a star defense attorney and law professor, tells stories in and out of school, of how the new Jim Crow targets Black boys and girls and tears apart families. It is a deeply disturbing look at what it means to grow up as a Black child in a society that fears, vilifies and demonizes young people because of their skin.*
- Edited by Westina Matthews, ***This Band of Sisterhood: Black Women Bishops on Race, Faith, and the Church***. *A conversation with five Black female Episcopal Bishops on race, faith, and the church.*

## **Fiction**

- Colson Whitehead, ***The Nickel Boys***.  
*Based on the real story of a reform school in Florida that operated for 111 years and warped the lives of thousands of children*
- Colson Whitehead, ***The Underground Railroad***.  
*The author vividly describes the brutal importation of Africans to America in the pre-Civil War era that mirror the unfulfilled promises of today. It is a story of one woman's desperate and fierce determination to escape the endless horrors of slavery and a powerful reflection on our shared history.*
- Zadie Smith, ***Feel Free***, *a collection of essays which offer a survey of important recent events in culture and politics.*

- Anne Petry, *The Street*, published in 1946, it is a commentary on the social injustices that confronted, Lutie Johnson, as a single black mother living in Harlem during the WWll era.
- Tony Morrison, *The Bluest Eye*.  
*A nine- year-old African American girl who is regarded as ugly due to her mannerisms and dark skin longs to have blue eyes.*
- Jesmyn Ward, *The Fire This Time*.  
*A collection of essays & poems about race written by the most important voices of her generation.*
- Ta-Nehisi Coates, *Between the World and Me*.  
*The author writes a letter to his adolescent son, attempting to answer questions about race.*

### Visuals

- **National Geographic: History & Culture, "Race in America"**
- YouTube **"The Truth About the Confederacy."** Jeffery Robinson
- 2020 YouTube **"Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man"**, Emanuel Acho
- 2020 YouTube **"Race in America"**, Rev. Paul Vischner
- 1965 James Baldwin vs William Buckley Debate , **"The American Dream is at the Expense of the American Negro"**
- 2017 Film **"I am Not Your Negro"**, James Baldwin's words on race In America in 1979
- 2014 Film, **"Selma"** by Ava DuVernay: The epic March from Selma to Montgomery in 1965 led by Dr. Martin Luther King
- 2016 **"13<sup>th</sup>"** documentary by Ava DuVernay that explores the history of racial equality in the US

- 2016 Series , **“And Still I Rise: Black America Since MLK”** by Henry Louis Gates. A four- hour series on the journey through the last 50 years of African American History
- 2019 Audio series podcast, **“1619 Project”** Nicole Hannah Jones, NY Times
- Dr. Camara Jones, Emory University, **“Allegories on Race and Racism”** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNhcY6ftyBM>
- Rev. Otis Moss III, **“The Cross and the Lynching Tree (Requiem for Ahmaud Arbery) based on James Cones’ book.**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16985UGOZ3k>
- Amanda Gorman, Youth Poet Laureate. **Race, Injustice and Protest.**  
**YouTube**

### **Museums**

- **African American Museum of Bucks County, PA.** Programs and exhibits explore the rich legacy of the African American experience as well as the diverse cultures of Bucks County and beyond. There most recent exhibit “From Africa to Bucks County: Building on the Dream” closed on 9/7/20
- **National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA**  
“Civil War and Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality” (a permanent exhibit)
- **Independence Seaport Museum, Philadelphia, PA**  
“Tides of Freedom: African Presence on the Delaware River,” (a permanent exhibit)
- **Underground Railroad Museum, Philadelphia, PA, Belmont Mansion, Fairmont Park**
- **African American Museum, Philadelphia, PA**
- **The Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia, PA**
- **Harriet Tubman Museum, Cape May, NJ**
- **Harriet Tubman Museum & Educational Center, Cambridge, MA**

- National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, DC
- African American Civil War Museum, Washington, DC
- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio
- DuSable Museum of African American History, Chicago, Illinois
- Pullman Porter Museum, Chicago, Illinois
- Tuskegee Army National History Museum, Detroit, Michigan
- Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, Michigan
- Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, Big Rapids, Michigan
- National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN
- Peace and Justice Museum, Montgomery, AL
- Buffalo Soldiers Museum, Houston, TX
- Black American West Museum, Denver CO
- Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, NY. *A research library for the NY public library which is an archive repository for information on people of African American descent worldwide.*
- Fifteen Places to Learn About African American History  
<https://www.afar.com/magazine/african-american-museums-historical-sites-united-states>
- Jack Hadley Black History Museum, Thomasville GA  
*Artifacts of Black American Achiever's historical accomplishments*  
<https://jackhadleyblackhistorymuseum.com>

### **Centers & Organizations**

- Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing, Atlanta, GA
- The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change, Atlanta, GA <https://theKingcenter.org/>
- The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta, GA  
<https://www.civilrightsandhumanrights.org/>
- National Trust for Historic Preservation, African American Cultural Heritage Sites

<https://savingplaces.org/collections/african-american-heritage#x7FnCmhkjlU>

## **African - American Owned Bookstores**

### **In Philadelphia, PA**

#### **1. Uncle Bobbies Café & Books**

5445 Germantown Ave 19144, (215) 403 7058  
Books, audio books, gifts , Events, Shipping,  
Adults & Children

#### **2. Black & Noble Bookstore,**

411 South St, 19147, (215) 965 1559,  
Books, DVD's, Art, Events Shipping , Adults

#### **3. Harriet's Bookshop (named for Harriett Tubman)**

258 E. Girard Ave, (267) 241 2617,  
Books, gifts, used book section, donations Accepted. Shipping  
available, celebrating women authors, artists, activists. Adults&  
Children

#### **4. Hakim's Bookstore & Gift Shop, (Philly's oldest Black owned bookstore),**

210 S. 52 St. 19139, (215) 474 9495,  
Books, gifts, on- line shopping, [info@hakimsbookstore.com](mailto:info@hakimsbookstore.com), shipping  
available, Adults & Children

#### **5. Atomic Comics**

638 South St, 19147, (215) 625 9613,  
Comic books, Tees, Toys. Adults& Children

**6. Amalgam Comics & Coffeehouse, (1<sup>st</sup> Black-owned comic bookstore on the East Coast)**

2578 Frankfort Ave, 19125, (215) 427 3300,  
Comics, toys, figurines, games, Adults & Children

**7. Al-Furquan Bookstore & Bazaar**

4816 N. Broad St, 19141, (215) 457-8066,  
Islamic books, audio, video, software, gifts. Free shipping over \$15

**In the Suburbs of Philadelphia and Beyond**

**1. The Black Reserve Bookstore**

317 W. Main St. #3  
Lansdale, PA 19446  
267-221-3090  
[theblackreservebooks@gmail.com](mailto:theblackreservebooks@gmail.com) All ages

**2. The Tiny Bookstore**

1130 Perry Highway Suite 106  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
412-585-2651  
[info@tinybookspgh.com](mailto:info@tinybookspgh.com) All ages

**3. Mejah Books and Crafts**

2083 Philadelphia Pike  
Claymont DE 1970  
302-793-3424  
[mejahinc@yahoo.com](mailto:mejahinc@yahoo.com) All ages

## **In Maryland**

### **1. Everyone's Place**

1336 North Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
410-728-0877  
No website, all ages

### **2. Vision Christian Bookstore**

10398 Piscataway Road  
Clinton, MD 20735  
301-234-0035, [www.visionchristianstore.net](http://www.visionchristianstore.net) All ages

### **3. Wisdom Book Center**

5116 Liberty Heights Ave.  
Gwynn Oaks, MD 21207  
410-664-1946  
[www.wisdombookcenter.com](http://www.wisdombookcenter.com) All ages

### **4. Loyalty Bookstore**

823 Ellsworth Dr.  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
[loyaltybookstores.com](http://loyaltybookstores.com)

## **In Washington D.C.**

### **1. Sankofa Video Books and Café**

7214 Georgia Avenue N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20001  
202-234-4755  
[sankofa.com](http://sankofa.com)

## **2. Mahogany Books**

1231 Good Hope Road  
SE Washington, D.C. 20020  
202-844-2062  
Mahoganybooks.com

## **3. Solid State Books**

600 H St. NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
202-897-4201  
Solidstatebooksdc.com

## **4. Loyalty Book Store**

843 Upshur St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20011  
loyaltybookstore.com (part of the chain stores)

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*Philadelphia, PA*