

Anti-Racist Packet Educational and Support Resources

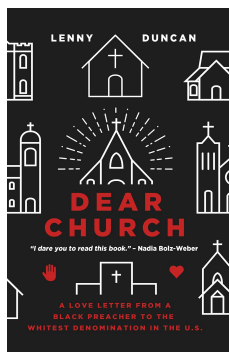
We are called as Christians to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. In living this out, we are called to amplify the voices of our black and brown siblings. We are called to educate ourselves so we can support and advocate for our neighbors. This document is just the beginning of educating ourselves to deconstruct our own learned racism and fight against the structural racism that exists in our society today.

This document is just the beginning of supporting and loving our black and brown neighbors. There are tons of resources we can find on the internet, but these have been collected and made especially for our community at Hope Lutheran Church. Let's walk on this journey together.

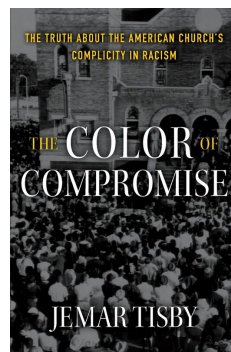
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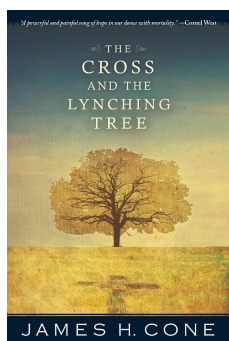
Books



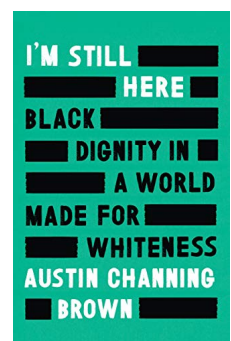
Dear Church: A Love Letter From a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S. by Pr. Lenny Duncan offers a bold new vision for what the ELCA could look like. This book rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone—leaders and laity alike—to the front lines of the church’s renewal through racial equality and justice.



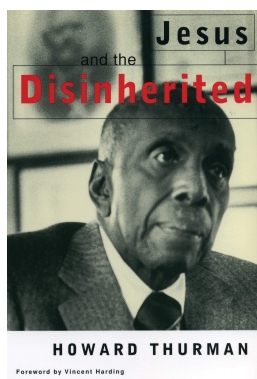
The Color of Compromise by Jemar Tisby is about how people of faith of historically-up to the present day worked against racial justice. It’s a call for urgent action by all Christians today in response.



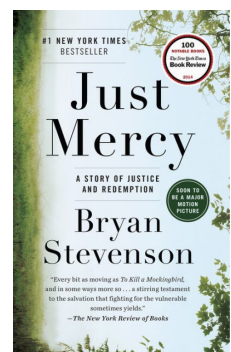
The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone explores the symbols of the cross and the lynching tree and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk. Both represent the worst in human beings and at the same time a thirst for life that refuses to let the worst determine our final meaning.



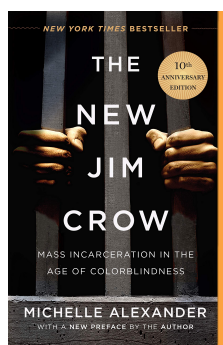
I’m Still Here by Austin Channing Brown is an eye-opening account of what it’s like growing up Black, Christian, and female in middle-class white America.



Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman is a classic theological treatise that demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor, oppressed, and disenfranchised.



Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson is an 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. This book has also been made into a motion picture.

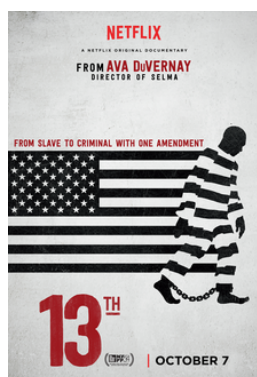


The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander discusses issues specific to African-American males and mass incarceration in the United States. The central premise being, “mass incarceration is, metaphorically, the New Jim Crow.”



Stand Your Ground by Kelly Douglas Brown discusses the social and theological questions raised by the murder of Trayvon Martin and others. Her book also affirms the “truth” of a black mother’s faith in the time of stand your ground.

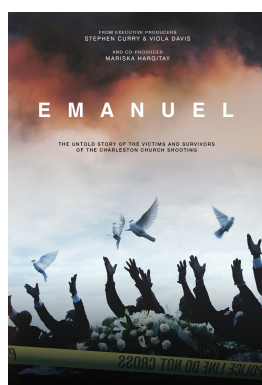
Movies/Shows



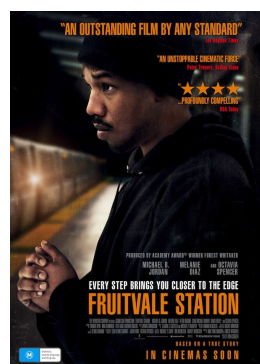
The 13th is a documentary that explores the history of racial inequality in the US, focused on the fact that the nation's prisons are disproportionately filled with African-Americans. You can find the documentary on Netflix.



The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson is a documentary that follows Marsha, a trans activist, as she fights the tide of violence against trans women. The film probes her suspicious death in 1992. You can find the documentary on Netflix.



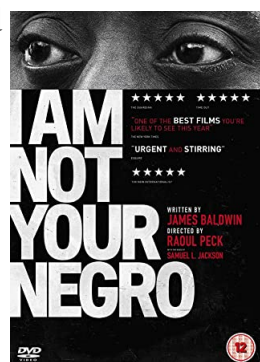
Emanuel is a documentary about the Charleston church shooting that killed nine Emanuel AME church members. The film examines the history of race in Charleston, the impact of Emanuel AME Church, and the effect on the community. You can rent it through Amazon [here](#).



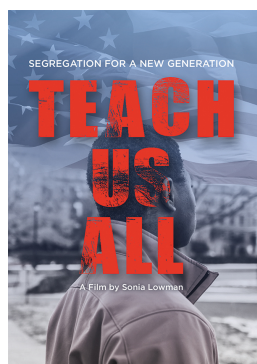
Fruitvale Station is a biographical drama based on the events leading to the death of Oscar Grant, a young man who was killed by a transit police officer at Fruitvale station in Oakland, CA. You can rent it through Amazon [here](#).



The Hate U Give is a drama based on the novel by Angie Thomas. Starr Carter lives in a black neighborhood, but attends a predominantly white private school. This movie follows the fallout after she witnesses a police shooting. You can watch on Hulu or rent through Amazon [here](#).



I Am Not Your Negro is a documentary based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript *Remember This House*. The film explores the history of racism in the US through Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and MLK. You can rent or watch through Amazon Prime [here](#).



Teach Us All is a documentary that shows that even though it has been decades since Brown v. Board of Education, school remain largely segregated. Some leaders are working to change that. You can watch it on Netflix.



When They See Us is a miniseries based on the events of the 1989 Central Park jogger case. It explores the lives and families of the five juvenile black males who were falsely accused and prosecuted. You can watch this show on Netflix.

Podcasts/Podcast Episodes



Code Switch is hosted by journalists of color who tackle the subject of race head-on and how it impacts every part of society. Listen [here](#).



Seeing White is from Scene On Radio. It takes a deep dive into where did the notion of “whiteness” come from? Listen [here](#).



On Being explores the intersection of spiritual inquiry, science, social healing, community, poetry, and the arts. Listen to a specific conversation on race [here](#).



1619 from The New York Times discusses the history of slavery and how it formed the country we know today. Listen [here](#).

Articles/Resources

[Who I Am Listening to Now: 5 Sermons from Black Preachers this Week](#)

[What is the Baseline Responsibility of White Christians?](#)

[75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice](#)

[Anti-Racism Project](#)

[Black Lives Matter- God Is Grey with Lenny Duncan \(video\)](#)

[Why You Need to Stop Saying “All Lives Matter”](#)

Black Owned Businesses

Bookstores:

- Loyalty Books in Silver Spring and DC - [Website](#)
- MahoganyBooks in DC - [Website](#)
- Sankofa Video Books & Cafe in DC- [Website](#)

Restaurants:

- The Carolina Kitchen in Hyattsville- [Website](#)
- The Jerk Pit in College Park- [Website](#)
- Milk & Honey Cafe in College Park- [Website](#)
- NuVegan Cafe in College Park- [Website](#)

Where to Donate

- **Black Lives Matter**
 - Find out more about the movement [here](#)
 - Donate [here](#)
- **NAACP Legal Defense Fund**
 - Find out more [here](#)
 - Donate [here](#)
- **George Floyd Memorial Fund**
 - Donate [here](#).
- **National Bail Fund Network**
 - Find out more [here](#)
 - Donate [here](#)

Petitions to Sign

- #JusticeforFloyd - sign [here](#)
- Justice for Breonna Taylor - sign [here](#)
- Defund The Police - sign [here](#)

People to Follow

Church People to Follow

- Rev. Dr. William J Barber II - [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)
- Austin Channing Brown - [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)
- Presiding Bishop Michael Curry - [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)
- Kaitlin Curtice (Native voice) - [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)
- Bishop Patricia Davenport - [Facebook](#)
- Rev. Lenny Duncan - [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)
- Rozella Haydee White - [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

Other Activists to Follow

- Munroe Bergdorf - [Instagram](#) [Twitter](#)
- Rachel Cargle - [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Twitter](#)
- Andre Henry - [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)
- Ibram X Kendi - [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)