

SACRED GROUND

Dialogue on Race and Faith

DEEPER DIVE: Supplementary Reading and Viewing

These recommendations come from a diverse array of facilitators, participants, and advisors. They've been curated by a curriculum review committee that will periodically revise and update these lists. The lists are by no means comprehensive, and some of the suggestions may be behind paywalls or require subscriptions to services like PBS Passport or Netflix.

These materials are offered for individual use, though circles may decide to engage with them collectively. For example, circles that have completed the curriculum may choose to continue meeting and create their own curriculum using these suggested resources.

First and foremost, we recommend watching the remaining episodes of the various documentary series from which single episodes were assigned in the core curriculum, as well as reading the complete books from which excerpts were assigned.

SESSION 1: Stepping onto Sacred Ground

Films and Videos:

- “[Understanding Anti-Racism](#)” (2020), from “Above the Noise” series, PBS
- “[Between the World and Me](#)” (2020), Ta-Nehisi Coates

Essay: “[Letter from a Birmingham Jail](#)” (1963), Martin Luther King, Jr.

Speech: “[I Have a Dream](#)” (1963), Martin Luther King, Jr.

Books:

- “[Healing Our Broken Humanity: Practices for Revitalizing the Church and Renewing the World](#)” (2018), Grace Ji-Sun Kim and Graham Hill
- “[Between the World and Me](#)” (2015), Ta-Nehisi Coates

SESSION 2: The Roots of Whiteness and Deeper Roots

Essays:

- “[On the Five Stages & White People Waking Up to Racism](#)” (2016), Tad Hargrave
- “[Race Is Real, But It’s Not Genetic](#)” (2020), Alan Goodman, Discover

Video: “The [Expanding Definition of Whiteness](#),” Big Think interview with Nell Irvin Painter

Podcast: “[Seeing White](#)” (2017), Scene on Radio

Books:

- “[The History of White People](#)” (2010), Nell Irvin Painter
- “[Black on White: Black Writers on What It Means to Be White](#)” (1998), edited by David R. Roediger

SESSION 3: Whose Land? Exploring Indigenous History

Films and Videos:

- [“A Conversation With Native Americans on Race”](#) (2018), Michèle Stephenson and Brian Young
- [“Reckoning and Repair: An Update from the Episcopal Boarding School Commission”](#) (2025), Episcopal Divinity School
- [“Sugarcane”](#) (2024), National Geographic Documentary Films
- [“Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story”](#) (2019), Martin Doblmeier
- [“Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts,”](#) Anglican Church of Canada

Books:

- [“The Land Is Not Empty”](#) (2021), Sarah Augustine
- [“Reading the Bible on Turtle Island”](#) (2025), Daniel Zacharias and T. Christopher Hoklotubbe
- [“An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States”](#) (2014), Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
- [“The Four Vision Quests of Jesus”](#) (2015), Steven Charleston

Other Resources:

- [“Treaties Explorer,”](#) The Indigenous Digital Archive
- [“Perspective: The Other Slavery,”](#) Andrés Reséndez
- Article: [“Wyoming tribe to celebrate return of cultural items kept by Episcopal diocese nearly 80 years”](#) (2024), David Paulsen, Episcopal News Service

SESSION 4: Transatlantic Slave Trade and Slavery

Films and Videos:

- [“Africa’s Great Civilizations”](#) series (2017), PBS
- [“Phillis Wheatley and the Hypocrisy of Liberty”](#) (2025), from “The American Revolution” series, PBS
- [“Man unknowingly buys former plantation house where his ancestors were enslaved”](#) (2022), 60 Minutes

Books:

- [“The Great Stain: Witnessing American Slavery”](#) (2018), Noel Rae
- [“Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave”](#) (1845), Frederick Douglass
- [“Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl”](#) (1861), Harriet Jacobs
- [“The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism”](#) (2014), Edward Baptist
- [“Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019”](#) (2021), edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha Blain

Other:

- [“The 1619 Project”](#) (2019), Nikole Hannah-Jones (this New York Times project is available in its entirety as a pdf as well: [“The 1619 Project”](#))
- [America’s Black Holocaust Museum](#), Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- [African Descent Ministries](#), The Episcopal Church

SESSION 5: Whose Land? Exploring Latino History

Films and Videos:

- [“Why Do We Say ‘Latino?’”](#) (2020), PBS
- [“Harvest of Empire”](#) (2012), Peter Getzels and Eduardo López
- [“Bystander Intervention PSA”](#) (May 2021), Advancing Justice

Books:

- [“Latina Legacies: Identity, Biography, and Community”](#) (2005), Vicki L. Ruiz and Virginia Sánchez Korrol (see especially the chapters on Jovita González Mireles and Dolores Huerta)
- [“Latino in America”](#) (2009), Soledad O’Brien and Rose Marie Acre
- [“Ripe Fields: The Promise and Challenge of Latino Ministry”](#) (2009), Juan Oliver

Articles and Essays:

- [“The Long History of Anti-Latino Discrimination in America”](#) (2017), Erin Blakemore, History
- [“Lynch Mobs Killed Latinos Across the West. The Fight to Remember These Atrocities is Just Starting”](#) (March 2, 2019), Simon Romero, The New York Times
- [“Afro-Latino: A deeply rooted identity among U.S. Hispanics”](#) (March 2016), Gustavo López and Ana Gonzalez-Barrera, Pew Research Center
- [“California Missions”](#) (Dec. 21, 2017), History.com
- [“The Mendez Family Fought School Segregation 8 Years Before Brown v. Board of Ed”](#) (2019), Dave Roos, History

Other: [Latino Ministries](#), The Episcopal Church

SESSION 6: Americans, Not Foreigners: Exploring Asian/Pacific American History

Films and Videos:

- [“Asian Americans”](#) series (2020), PBS
- [“The dark history of the Chinese Exclusion Act”](#) (2021), TED-Ed
- [“Revisiting Japanese internment on the 75th anniversary”](#) (2017), PBS NewsHour
- [“What does Asian and Black racial solidarity look like?”](#) (2021), Los Angeles Times
- [“California’s Alien Land Laws”](#) (2024), Equal Justice Initiative
- [“The surprising reason behind Chinatown’s aesthetic”](#) (2021), Vox

Other Resources:

- [“Asian American Timeline”](#) (2021), Asian American / Asian Research Institute
- [“Diverse Cultures and Shared Experiences Shape Asian American Identities”](#) (2023), Neil Ruiz, Luis Noé-Bustamante, and Sono Shah, Pew Research Center
- [Asiamerica Ministries](#), The Episcopal Church
- [“Foundations and Futures: Asian American and Pacific Islander Multimedia Textbook,”](#) UCLA Asian American Studies Center
- [“Racial microaggressions take a major toll on Black Americans”](#) (Dec. 4, 2020), Michelle Singletary, The Washington Post

SESSION 7: Selective Access to the Melting Pot and the American Dream

Films and Videos:

- [“Jim Stewart’s Historical Tonic for Fragile White Folks”](#) (2020), Jim Stewart
- [“Dakota 38”](#) (2012), Smooth Feather Productions
- [“Segregated by Design”](#) (2019), Mark Lopez
- [“A Class Apart: A Mexican American Civil Rights Story”](#) (2009), Camino Bluff Productions
- [“‘We the People’ – the three most misunderstood words in US history”](#) (2019), Mark Charles, TEDx Talks

Books:

- [“Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism”](#) (2005), James W. Loewen
- [“A Nation of Nations: A Great American Immigration Story”](#) (2015), Tom Gjelten
- [“The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America”](#) (2017), Richard Rothstein
- [“Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents”](#) (2020), Isabel Wilkerson
- [“Our Trespasses: White Churches and the Taking of American Neighborhoods”](#) (2024), Greg Jarrell

Articles and Essays:

- [“Catholic immigrants didn’t make it on their own. They shouldn’t expect others to.”](#) (2017), Una Cadegan
- [“What Is White Privilege, Really?”](#) (2018), Cory Collins, SPLC
- [“When Slaveowners Got Reparations”](#) (2019), Tera W. Hunter, The New York Times
- [“Prisoners in the US are Part of a Hidden Workforce”](#) (2024), Robin McDowell and Margie Mason, Associated Press

Other Resources:

- [The Hoboken Fires](#), Hoboken Historical Museum (*begin by reading the “Summation” section at the end*)
- [“A Cognitive Skill to Magnify Humanity | Trabian Shorters”](#) (2019), “On Being with Krista Tippett” podcast

SESSION 8: Who Is My Neighbor? Refusing the Narrative of the “Other”

Films and Videos:

- [“Two Distant Strangers”](#) (2020), Netflix
- [“The urgency of intersectionality”](#) (2016), Kimberlé Crenshaw, TED
- [“Meet the Working Class”](#) (2023), ENDEVR (*one episode of “Hard Earned,” a five-hour series well worth watching in its entirety*)

Books:

- [“White Working Class: Overcoming Class Cluelessness in America”](#) (2017), Joan C. Williams
- [“The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together”](#) (2021), Heather McGhee
- [“The Hidden Wound”](#) (1970), Wendell Berry

- [“Critical Race Theory: An Introduction”](#) (2001), Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic

Articles and Essays:

- [“The Growing Evidence That Americans Are Less Divided Than You May Think”](#) (2024), Karl Vick, TIME
- [“Race & Anti-fragility: Wendell Berry’s ‘The Hidden Wound’ at Fifty”](#) (2020), Joshua P. Hochschild, Commonweal
- [“Learning to Face Our Whiteness/Racial Identity Development for White People”](#) (2022), Beth Hall

Other Resources:

- [“The Perception Gap,”](#) More in Common
- Podcast: [“Building Bridges Over the Hills”](#) (2022), Who Belongs

SESSION 9: Legacies: Racism’s Long Life

Films and Videos:

- [“13th”](#) (2016), Ava Duvernay, Netflix
- [“Tell Me More with Kelly Corrigan | Bryan Stevenson”](#) (2020), PBS

Books:

- [“The Wounds Are the Witness: Black Faith Weaving Memory into Justice and Healing”](#) (2025), Yolanda Pierce
- [“Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America”](#) (2016), Ibram X. Kendi
- [“The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community”](#) (2021), Stephanie Spellers
- [“The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness”](#) (2010), Michelle Alexander
- [“Episcopalians & Race”](#) (2003), Gardiner H. Shattuck Jr., especially the epilogue
- [“The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church’s Complicity in Racism”](#) (2019), Jemar Tisby
- [“Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God”](#) (2015), Kelly Brown Douglas
- [“I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness”](#) (2018), Austin Channing Brown

SESSION 10: Grief, Reckoning, and Repentance

Films and Videos:

- [“Native Voices: A Response to The Episcopal Church’s History with Indian Boarding Schools”](#) (2021), The Episcopal Church Office of Indigenous Ministries

Books:

- [“Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants”](#) (2013), Robin Wall Kimmerer
- [“Living Into God’s Dream: Dismantling Racism in America”](#) (2016), edited by Catherine Meeks

- [“How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice”](#) (2021), Jemar Tisby
- [“White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity”](#) (2021), Robert P. Jones
- [“My Grandmother’s Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Mending of Our Bodies and Hearts”](#) (2017), Resmaa Menakem
- [“Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human”](#) (2024), Cole Arthur Riley

Articles and Essays:

- [“Let’s Talk About Healing Before Reconciliation”](#) (2021), Catherine Meeks
- [“What Is Owed”](#) (2020), Nikole Hannah-Jones, The New York Times
- [“Qallunology 101: A Lesson Plan for the Non-Indigenous”](#) (2013), Derek Rasmussen

Other Resources:

- Podcast: [“Where Does It Hurt? | Ruby Sales”](#) (2016), ”On Being with Krista Tippett”
- Podcast: [“Opening to the Question of Belonging | John A. Powell”](#) (2018), ”On Being with Krista Tippett”
- [Othering & Belonging Institute](#)
- [“Summary of Racial and Ethnic Identity Frameworks or Models,”](#) The University of North Carolina

SESSION 11: Walk On: The Journey After Sacred Ground

Films and Videos:

- [“5 Tips for Being an Ally”](#) (2014), Franchesca Ramsey
- [“Religion, Racism, and Reconciliation”](#) (2024), PBS

Books:

- [“Reparations: A Plan for Churches”](#) (2023), Peter Jarrett-Schell
- [“Black and Episcopalian: The Struggle for Inclusion”](#) (2022), Gayle Fisher-Stewart
- [“A Native Way of Giving”](#) (2021), Forrest S. Cuch and Michael Carney

Other Resources:

- Reparations for Slavery portal: [About the R4S Portal — Reparations 4 Slavery](#)
- [“Guide to Allyship”](#) (2016), created by Amelie Lamont