Hearing our Stories, Healing Relationships

Engaging God’s Mission of Racial Reconciliation
Mission Opportunity 2017 Toolkit

The Mission Opportunity for 2016-2017 focuses on racial reconciliation and creating safe space to tell our stories. The complex issues of race have dominated news headlines and now ECMN is asking that we, as individuals and communities, create opportunities for holy listening, learning, and action around racial reconciliation.

We have created this toolkit, grounded in the Five Marks of Mission, with resources and activities to use as an individual and as a community.

If you have items that should be added to the resource list, please contact your Missioner for Community Engagement, Rachel Babbitt, at rachel.b@episcopalmn.org.
Tell

The history of race in Minnesota
Protesting
Doctrine of Discover
What is Minnesota’s context of race and racial reconciliation?
What is our/your story?
Resources for: Tell

Books

- **A Good Time for Truth: Race in Minnesota**
  - Edited by Sun Yun Shin
- **The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir**
  - By Kao Kalia Yang
- **Black Elk Speaks**
  - By John Neihart
- **Waking Up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race**
  - By Debby Irving

Articles

- **I’m Not Going to Say Racial Profiling Does Not Exist**, Brian Todd, *Rochester Post-Bulletin*

Videos

- **Trinity Institute 2016 – Listen for A Change: Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice** Trinity Wall Street, NY
- **The US-Dakota War of 1862** Minnesota Historical Society
Resources for: Tell

Podcasts

What If I Say Something Wrong? How to Talk About Race  Kerri Miller, Minnesota Public Radio News

Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl  Radio Lab

Activities and other resources

Minnesota Historical Society Exhibit:

•  Stories of recent immigrants and refugees
•  Then and Now

Traces of the Trade: A Story From the Deep North

•  A documentary film on the story of a family discovering their family’s history as the largest slave-trading family in the U.S.
What is cultural appropriation?
White privilege awareness
How can we talk about race constructively?
Doctrine of Discovery
Race and schools/economics
Changing demographics
What is the context of Jesus’ teaching and racism?
Resources for: Teach

**Books**

*Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*
By Kelly Brown
Douglas—*Coming to MN 3/15/2017, see Activities for details*

*Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*
By Drew Hart

*Resource Center for Churches list of resources on race and Privilege*

**Articles**

*Something is Rotten in the State of Minnesota* Taylor Gee, Politico Magazine

*UW Coach Chris Petersen Inspired by ‘Under Our Skin’ series, Encourages Dialogue on Race* Adam Jude, Seattle Times

*The Stewardship of White Privilege* Luther Seminary

*Doctrine of Discovery information* Doctrine of Discovery Study Group

*Five Hundred Years of Injustice: The Legacy of the 15th Century Religious Prejudice* Steve Newcomb, the Indigenous Law Institute

**Videos**

*“What can I do to change to be a better American?”* Washington Journal, C-SPAN

*Under Our Skin* video project, Seattle Times
Resources for: Teach

Activities and other resources
An Evening with The Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, March 15, 2017 at St. Mark’s Cathedral
For more information: [http://episcopalmn.org/stand-your-ground](http://episcopalmn.org/stand-your-ground)

Intercultural Development Inventory by IDI, LLC

Learn about Somali, Latino, and Hmong Cultures Neighborhood House Cultural Proficiency Workshop on Tuesday, January 26, 2017

Minnesota Council of Churches Respectful Conversations Minnesota Council of Churches

School for Formation Course: Building Bridges Across Culture and Race ECMN School for Formation

Science Museum Exhibit – Race: Are We So Different? Science Museum of Minnesota

The Human Story National Geographic
How can we come together and be in relationship despite racism?
Serve others and support ways to create reconciliation
Volunteer
Resources for: Tend

Books

Reconciling all Things
By Emmanuel Katongole

Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation
By Jennifer Harvey

Videos

Cracking the Code: The System of Racial Inequality
- Video and discussion resources

Activities and other resources

Guthrie Theater Plays:
- Promise Land, Jan 27-Feb 12
- The Bluest Eye, Apr 15-May 21
- Native Gardens, Jul 15-Aug 20

Penumbra Theater:
- Black Light, February
- Race Workshop, Feb 25 at 2pm
- Let’s Talk Series – Divas on March 13, 2017

Mixed Blood Theater:
- Corazón Eterno (Always In My Heart), Feb 3-25
- Safe at Home, March 7-12
Transform

How can we address systematic and institutional racism?
How can you use your privilege for change?
Addressing disparities in the criminal justice system/education/housing/income, etc.
Resources for: Transform

Books

Courageous Conversations About Race

Articles

Jesus Doesn’t Allow Us the Option of Self-Righteousness  Presiding Bishop Michael Curry interview, Episcopal News Services

Revolutionary Patience  Daily Kos

Activities and other resources

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition Day on the Hill, Feb 23

Called to Transformation training  Asset-Based Community Development, Episcopal Relief and Development and The Episcopal Church

Vote and be Civically Engaged  The Episcopal Church, Election Engagement
Treasure

Addressing issues of environmental racism and poverty
Where do we pollute and who is impacted?
Resources for: Treasure

Books

Toxic Communities: Environmental Racism, Pollution and Residential Mobility

Articles

A Question of Environmental Racism The New York Times

At the Sacred Stone Camp Tribes and Activists Join Forces to Protect the Land MPR

Native American Pipeline Resistance is about Climate Justice US News and World Report

With Echoes of Wounded Knee, Tribes Mount Prairie Occupation to block North Dakota Pipeline LA Times

A Region That Sees Racism as a Threat to Its Economy The Atlantic

Videos

It’s Harder to Breathe with White Privilege in the Air Huffington Post

Undrinkable: The Flint Water Emergency DTV News
Activities and other resources

Support the Standing Rock Sioux actions against the Dakota Access Pipeline

Trinity Institute 2017: Water Justice
March 22-24, Trinity Wall Street Episcopal Church, New York, New York
Local site: Central Lutheran Church (www.centralmps.org)
For additional information contact earthkeepers@episcopalmn.org

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