

racial righteousness

- BIBLIOGRAPHY -

Of special note:



GENERAL

The African American Predicament, edited by Christopher H. Foreman, Jr. (Brookings Institution Press) ISBN 0-8157-2880-8; Order directly from Brookings Institution Press, 1-800-275-1447 or 202-797-6258;

http://bookstore.brookings.edu/book_details.asp?product%5Fid=10378

This book examines the reality of racial conditions in America today. These essays present thoughtful assessments of African American progress and of the prospects for its further enhancement.

America Beyond Black and White - How Immigrants and Fusions Are Helping Us Overcome the Racial Divide, by Ronald Fernandez (University of Michigan Press, 2007) ISBN 0472116096

The book is an impassioned call for a new way of imagining race and ethnicity in America. For the first time in U.S. history, the black-white dichotomy that historically has defined race and ethnicity is being challenged, not by a small minority, but by the fastest-growing and arguably most vocal segment of the increasingly diverse American population -- Mexicans, Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Indians, Arabs, and many more —who are breaking down and recreating the very definitions of race.

The American Dream and the Power of Wealth: Choosing Schools and Inheriting Inequality in the Land of Opportunity, by Heather Beth Johnson (Routledge, 2006) ISBN 0415952395

In contemporary America, the racial wealth gap is growing. Yet Americans continue to hold deep-rooted beliefs in the principles of individualism, equal opportunity, and meritocracy. Drawing on in-depth interviews with 200 black and white families, this book reveals the enormous extent to which parents defend their beliefs in the values that lie at the heart of the American Dream. Yet the way wealth is acquired and the way it is used categorically puts children from different families on vastly different educational trajectories, leaving them with uneven sets of opportunities.

BIBLICAL BACKGROUND

Coming Together: The Bible's Message in an Age of Diversity, by Curtiss Paul De Young (Judson Press, 1995) ISBN 0817012265

Building on the insights of scholars from the major cultural and racial groups around the world, the author explores the cultural diversity found within the pages of the Bible (e.g., racism, sexism, and classism).

The Gospel in Black & White, edited by Dennis Okholm (InterVarsity, 1998) ISBN 0-8308-1887-1

Though African- and Euro-Americans find themselves at odds politically and culturally, Christians of both races affirm that the gospel calls them together. This collection of essays considers how rigorous theological work can contribute to racial reconciliation.

ETHNIC IDENTITY

Being Latino in Christ, by Orlando Crespo (InterVarsity, 2003) ISBN 0-8308-2374-3

Exploring what the Bible says about ethnic identity and drawing on his own journey to self-understanding, Orlando Crespo helps you discover for yourself what it means to be Latino, American—and, most importantly, a disciple of Christ.

Following Jesus Without Dishonoring Your Parents, by Jeanette Yep, Peter Cha, et. al. (InterVarsity, 1998) ISBN 0-8308-1358-6

Written by and for Asian Americans, this guide helps readers discover and embrace Asian identity and learn to bridge the conflicting values of parents, culture and faith.

Good News from the Barrio: Prophetic Witness for the Church,

by Harold J. Recinos (Westminster John Knox Press, 2005) ISBN 0664229409

In a world divided by race, ethnicity, gender, violence, and hate, Harold Recinos's *Good News from the Barrio* explores the ways in which the good news of the gospel is at work in Latino barrios. He challenges Christians to listen to the gospel in these contexts and offer a prophetic witness to the nation and the church.

The Hispanic Challenge, by Manuel Ortiz (InterVarsity, 1994) ISBN 0-8308-1773-5

The author explores the unique needs and concerns of Hispanics in the U.S., overviews population changes, addresses key missiological issues and concerns for justice, describes models for effective ministry, and emphasizes the need for leadership training.

HISTORY

Before the Mayflower: A History of Black America, by Lerone Bennett, Jr. (Johnson Publishing Company Book Division, 2007) ISBN 0874850002

The entire historical timeline of African Americans is addressed, from the Colonial period through the civil rights upheavals of the 1960s and 1970s. The most recent scholarship on the geographic, social, economic, and cultural journeys of African Americans, together with vivid portraits of key black leaders, completes this comprehensive reference.

Civil Rights Chronicle: The African-American Struggle for Freedom, by Clayborne Carson (Legacy, 2003) ISBN 0-7853-4924-3

After three centuries of oppression, black Americans had reached their limit. Tired of inferior schools, "Jim Crow" laws, and the threat of being lynched for trying to vote, African-Americans risked their lives for justice - most notably in the 1950s and '60s.

Conversations with God: Two Centuries of Prayers by African Americans, by James Melvin Washington (Harper Perennial, 1995) ISBN 0-06-092657-0

Noted African American religion scholar Washington has gathered many previously unheard voices in this soul-stirring collection of prayers by African Americans. The anthology is divided into six sections, each focusing on specific issues in African American history and recording the prayerful responses of writers, preachers, and theologians to those issues. An excellent biographical sketch of each of the contributors adds to the value of the collection.

Divided by Faith, by Michael O. Emerson and Christian Smith (Oxford University Press, 2000) ISBN 0195147073

Based on their own research, the authors argue that evangelicals have a theological world view that makes it difficult for them to perceive systematic injustices in society. As a result, many well-meaning strategies for healing racial divisions (such as cross-cultural friendships) carry within them the seeds of their own defeat. The book also includes a concise history of evangelical thought about race from colonial times to the civil rights movement.

Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965, by Juan Williams (Penguin Books, 1988) ISBN 0140096531

This is a companion volume to the PBS Television Series of the same name. The author gives a moving account, highlighted with photos, of the first decade of the civil rights movement, providing reminders of those who took part in the fight for justice - both black and white.

Living in the Shadows of a Legend: Unsung Heroes and Heroines Who Marched With Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by Deric A. Gilliard (Gilliard Communications, 2002) ISBN 0971813701

Deric Gilliard (a pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church) does an excellent job of chronicling the lives and times of twenty individuals whose selfless contributions added to the Civil Rights movement. It is a definite read for those seeking greater knowledge and understanding of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the civil rights movement.

No Easy Walk, by Harry Louis Williams II (InterVarsity, 1999) ISBN 0-8308-1792-1

This book traces the long and difficult journey of African-Americans, paying special attention to the distinctiveness and influence of the African-American church in the world.

"Race" And Racism: The Development of Modern Racism In America, by Richard J. Perry (Palgrave MacMillan, 2007) ISBN 0230600778

The author traces the origins and development of racism in North America.

Remembering Slavery: African Americans Talk About Their Personal Experiences of Slavery and Emancipation, edited by Ira Berlin, et. al. (The New Press, 2007) – ISBN 1565845870, paper – (with MP3 Audio CD)

This collection brings forth the poignant voices of people who had been slaves. The recordings of interviews with former slaves were conducted by the Federal Writers Project in the early 1930s. These stories and occurrences have served as source material for historians and other writers, but they are far more memorable by the ex-slaves' own words. The work itself, derived from a collection of tapes in the Library of Congress, gives voice to one of the most significant institutions in American history.

A Walk to Freedom: The Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth and the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, 1956-1964, by Marjorie L. White (Birmingham Historical Society, 1999) ISBN 0-943994-24-1. Order directory from the Birmingham Historical Society, 205/251-1880 or www.bhistorical.org

Includes 225 photographs from the Civil Rights era in Birmingham, original news accounts, and recollections from those who conceived and lived the era. Also included are Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth's speeches and Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights annual reports. The book intentionally tells the story from the Movement perspective, through the eyes of the strong network of Christian churches which banded together throughout the city of Birmingham to stage a God-filled, non-violent confrontation to banish segregation.

COMMUNITY ACTION

Beyond Our Comfort Zone: Social Ministry in a Multicultural Setting, by Miguel de Jesus (Augsburg Fortress) ISBN 0-8066-3876-1

Provides practical advice and skills training for congregations who want to build a partnership with their neighborhoods.

Border of Death, Valley of Life: An Immigrant Journey of Heart and Spirit, by Daniel G. Groody (Rowman and Littlefield, 2007) ISBN 0742558908

This is a powerful, first-hand account of a religious ministry that reaches out to console, heal, and build the lives of poor and desperate immigrants who come to the United States in search of a better life.

Doing Justice: Congregations and Community Organizing, by Dennis A. Jacobsen (Fortress, 2001) ISBN 0-8006-3244-3

An introductory theology of congregation-based community organizing rooted in day-to-day struggles and hopes of urban ministry and in the author's fourteen years of personal experience in community organizing ministries. *Doing Justice* opens new vistas for community action in support of the poor, disadvantaged, and disenfranchised of our society.

God's Neighborhood: A Hopeful Journey in Racial Reconciliation & Community Renewal, by Scott Roley (InterVarsity, 2004)

The author left his life of privilege within the Christian music scene, became a church pastor and moved into a disadvantaged neighborhood. There he began to learn hands-on what "loving your neighbor" required of him--social justice, community development and racial reconciliation. Following Jesus' example of incarnational ministry, Roley's work demonstrates how God uses faith-based organizations to change lives. This life journey exemplifies Christian hope in caring for the disinherited and renewing our communities one neighborhood at a time.

Linking Arms, Linking Lives: How Urban-Suburban Partnerships Can Transform Communities, by Wayne L. Gordon and John M. Perkins and Ronald J. Sider and F. Albert Tizon (Baker, 2008) ISBN 0-8010-7083-X

These ministry leaders offer solutions that have already transformed communities and have potential to allow many more people to fulfill the biblical call to compassion and justice. Here they make a compelling case for how partnerships that cross the urban-suburban divide can minister to the poor.

Ministry at the Margins, by Cheryl J. Sanders (InterVarsity, 1997) ISBN 0-8308-1997-5

The author shows how contemporary Christian mission can be morally and ethnically reinvigorated by including women, minorities, youth, the poor and other marginalized individuals as participants in ministry—not just as recipients or objects of service.

CROSS-CULTURAL / MULTI-ETHNIC

A Beginner's Guide to Crossing Cultures: Making Friends in a Multi-Cultural World, by Patty Lane (InterVarsity, 2002) ISBN 0-8308-2346-8

The author shows us how to develop hands-on relational skills that help build cross-cultural friendships and provides practical resources for navigating multicultural environments with sensitivity. This resource deals with misunderstood aspects of culture, demystifies stereotypes and offers ways to resolve cross-cultural conflicts through the use of stories of real-life situations.

Being White: Finding Our Place in a Multiethnic World, by Paul Harris and Doug Schaupp (InterVarsity, 2004) ISBN 0830832475

Filled with real-life stories, life-transforming insights and practical guidance, this book is for any white who is aware of racial inequality but has wondered, So what do I do? Discover here a vision for just communities where whites can use their influence to empower those of other ethnicities.

Breaking Bread: A Celebration of Three Faiths, edited by Lucy Roberts (Multifaith Education Project, 2007). Order from www.multifaitheducationproject.org

This cookbook includes recipes submitted by middle school students from different religious traditions. In addition, it includes stories and poems by the students that tell how the food relates to their faith. Others write to explain their respective traditions. The exploration of different religious traditions will hopefully foster greater understanding and peacemaking.

Building Bridges: A Handbook for Cross-Cultural Ministry, by Kathryn Choy-Wong (Judson Press) – *out of print*

This handbook is a beginning point for persons in local churches who desire to relate to one another cross-culturally within a congregation, among sister congregations, or in the larger community of diverse peoples. It is a valuable resource for building multicultural ministries and provides tools for increasing mutual understanding.

The Bush Was Blazing but Not Consumed, by Eric H.F. Law (Chalice Press, 1996) ISBN 0827202229

Using Exodus 3 as a theological starting point, the author provides practical guidelines for increasing understanding and sensitivity related to multiculturalism, enabling the building of multicultural communities.

The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother, by James McBride (Riverhead Books, New York, 2006) ISBN 1573225789

This is the story of a rabbi's daughter, born in Poland and raised in the South, who fled to Harlem, married a Black man, founded a Baptist church, and put twelve children through college. *The Color of Water* is James McBride's tribute to his remarkable, eccentric, determined mother – and an eloquent exploration of what family really means.

Conflict Mediation Across Cultures: Pathways and Patterns, by David W. Augsburger (Westminster John Knox, 1992) ISBN 0664256090

Believing not only that conflict is inevitable in human life but that it is essential and can be quite constructive, Augsburger proposes a shift to an "international" approach in resolving conflict. Augsburger focuses on interpersonal and group conflicts and provides a comparison of conflict patterns within and among various cultures.

Cross-Cultural Conflict, by Duane Elmer (InterVarsity, 1994) ISBN 0-8308-1657-7

The author offers a thorough and practical handbook for conflict resolution across Asian, Hispanic, African and Western cultures.

Cross-Cultural Connections, by Duane Elmer (InterVarsity, 2002) ISBN 0-8308-2309-3

Elmer provides the reader with practical exercises, real-life illustrations, and other valuable tools to assist one in navigating through different cultures and build meaningful cross-culture relationships.

Cross-Cultural Servanthood, by Duane Elmer (InterVarsity, 2006) ISBN 0-8308-3378

Practical advice for serving other cultures with sensitivity and humility. With careful biblical exposition and cross-cultural awareness, the author offers principles and guidance for avoiding misunderstandings and building relationships in ways that honor others.

Dynamic Diversity: Bridging Class, Age, Race and Gender in the Church, by Bruce Milne (InterVarsity, 2007) ISBN 9780830828067

This book contends that all Christian congregations are called to be bridging places, centers of reconciliation, where the major diversities separating human beings are overcome through the presence of God's Holy Spirit. Milne presents a biblical model for today and tomorrow where the diversities of class, age, race and gender present opportunities to demonstrate practical oneness. When this happens, churches become wonderfully alive. In Christ we can be one people, one new humanity, one life.

Living in Color: Embracing God's Passion for Diversity, by Randy Woodley and John Dawson (Chosen Books, 2004) ISBN 0800792912

Randy Woodley, a Keetoowah Cherokee, casts a biblical, multiethnic vision for people of every nation, tribe and tongue. He carefully unpacks how Christians should think about racial and cultural identity, demonstrating that ethnically diverse communities have always been God's intent for his people.

Where the Nations Meet: The Church in a Multicultural World, by Stephen A. Rhodes (InterVarsity, 1998) ISBN 0-8308-1936-3

Rhodes sets forth a biblical, field-tested pastoral theology of multiethnic ministry. He shows how the church is called to serve and include all ethnicities; he examines how the church can bring healing to a conflicted world; and he suggests how such a ministry can be successfully conducted in churches.

JUSTICE

Cain's Redemption, Dennis Shere (Northfield Publishing, 2005) ISBN 1881273245

Author Dennis Shere combines his background in journalism and law to bring readers this account of redemption and life change in the most unlikely of places: a maximum security prison.

Compassion, Justice and the Christian Life: Rethinking Ministry to the Poor, by Robert D. Lupton (Regal, 2007) ISBN 0830743790

The urban landscape is changing and, as a result, urban ministries are at a crossroads. If the Church is to be an effective agent of compassion and justice, Lupton notes, we must change our mission strategies. Lupton asks the tough questions about service providing and community building to help ministries enhance their effectiveness.

Good News About Injustice, by Gary Haugen (InterVarsity, 1999) 0-8308-2224-0

The good news about injustice is that God is against it. God is in the business of using the unlikely to perform the holy, and the author shares stories of courageous witnesses past and present. He offers concrete guidance on the ways and means individuals can rise up to seek justice throughout the world.

Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice, by Paul Kivel (New Society Publishers; Revised edition, 2002) ISBN 0865714592

Substantially revised and expanded, this book explores the manifestations of racism in politics, work, community, and family life. It moves beyond the definition and unlearning of racism to address the many areas of privilege for white people and suggests ways for individuals and groups to challenge the structures of racism. Special features include exercises, questions, and suggestions to engage, challenge assumptions, and motivate the reader towards social action. The new edition includes an index and an updated bibliography.

MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy, by Kevin Bales (University of California, 2004 2nd ed., 2004) ISBN 0520243846

The exhaustive research in this book shows that at least 27 million people are currently enslaved around the world. The author reveals the historical and economic conditions behind this resurgence. Their masters he calls "slaveholders" because they don't claim to own their victims; they control their victims' lives and mobility and gain enormous profits from their labor. Globalization ties us all to the new slavery, and Bales suggests what the reader can do.

Some Kind of Different as Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together, by Ron Hall (Thomas Nelson, 2006) ISBN 084991910X

Denver lived for decades as a virtual slave in Louisiana and homeless drifter in Texas---until he met Deborah. But her art dealer husband, Ron, is more comfortable around millionaires than the destitute. But slavery takes many forms. So when Deborah is diagnosed with cancer, will Ron embrace her dream of rescuing Denver? Or will Denver save Ron? What is God doing?

Understanding Global Slavery: A Reader, by Kevin Bales (University of California Press, 2005) ISBN 0520245075

The author looks beyond the specific instances of slavery described in his last book (*Disposable People*) to explore broader themes about slavery's causes, its continuation, and how it might be ended. Written to raise awareness and deepen understanding, and touching again on individual lives around the world, this book tackles head-on one of the most urgent and difficult problems facing us today.

MULTI-ETHNIC CONGREGATIONS

Behavioral Covenants in Congregations: A Handbook for Honoring Differences, by Gil Rendle (The Alban Institute) ISBN 1-56699-209-5

This practical workbook gets to the heart of modern congregational life: how to live creatively together despite differences of age, race, culture, opinion, gender, theological or political position. The author explains how to grow by valuing our differences rather than trying to ignore or blend them. He describes a method of establishing behavioral covenants that includes leadership instruction, training tools, resources (visual models, examples of specific covenants), small-group exercises, plans for meetings and retreats.

Building a Healthy Multi-ethnic Church: Mandate, Commitments and Practices of a Diverse Congregation, by Mark DeYmaz (Jossey-Bass, 2007) ISBN 0787995517.

Through personal stories, proven experience and an analysis of the biblical text, this book illustrates both the biblical mandate for the multi-ethnic church as well as the seven core commitments required to bring it about.

Check All That Apply, by Sundee Frazier (InterVarsity, 2002) ISBN 0-8308-2247-X

The author draws from her own experience to help people from multiracial backgrounds understand their identity and get a sense of God's purpose for their lives.

Embracing Diversity: Leadership in Multicultural Congregations, by Charles R. Foster (Alban Institute, 1997) ISBN 1-56699-181-1

Explore a variety of approaches congregations have taken to embrace multicultural differences. Identify leadership issues created by the presence of diversity in congregations. Discover programmatic suggestions drawn from the experience of multicultural congregations.

A House of Prayer for All Peoples: Congregations Building Multiracial Community, by Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook (The Alban Institute, 2002) ISBN 1-56699-282-6

The author reveals, through story and thoughtful analysis, what it means to create and live out multiracial community. An extensive, annotated resource list is included for further exploration of the topic.

Multicultural Ministry: Finding Your Church's Unique Rhythm, by David Anderson (Zondervan, 2004) ISBN 0310251583

A practical guide to multicultural ministry in a changing America, with motivating stories and examples from the author's personal experiences in successful multicultural ministry. It also offers practical how-to ideas from a wide circle of churches and includes a Racial Reconciliation survey and six-session Racial Reconciliation curriculum.

Multicultural Religious Education, edited by Barbara Wilkerson (Religious Education Press, 1997) ISBN 0-89135-101-9

The guiding principle of this book is that religious education which is authentically Christian must be as wide as the arms of Christ and embrace with equal warmth persons of every ethnic and cultural group. In keeping with this inclusiveness, the volume avoids identification with any specific political agenda or ideological viewpoint.

One Body, One Spirit: Principles of Successful Multiracial Churches, by George Yancey (InterVarsity, 2003) ISBN 0830832262

The author offers key principles for church leaders who want to minister to people from a variety of racial and cultural backgrounds. Based on data from a Lilly Endowment study of multiracial churches across America, this volume offers insights for church leadership, worship styles, conflict resolution and more.

One Church, Many Tribes: Following Jesus the Way God Made You, by Richard Twiss and John Dawson (Gospel Light, 2000) ISBN 0830725458

This book deals with the bitterness and betrayal overcome by a full-blooded Sioux, First Nation man who turned to embrace reconciliation and the church. The author deals with cultural preference, prejudice, and the specific plight of the Native American/First Nation people in the USA.

One New People: Models for Developing a Multiethnic Church, by Manuel Ortiz (InterVarsity, 1996) ISBN 0-8308-1882-0

The author presents proven strategies and real-life examples for developing a multiethnic church. Questions are included to help groups process the material.

People of the Dream: Multiracial Congregations in the United States, by Michael O. Emerson (Princeton University Press, 2008) ISBN 0691136270

This book argues that multiracial congregations are bridge organizations that gather and facilitate cross-racial friendships, disproportionately housing people who have substantially more racially diverse social networks than do other Americans. The book concludes that multiracial congregations and the people in them may be harbingers of racial change to come in the United States.

Preaching to Every Pew: Cross-Cultural Strategies, by James R. Nieman and Thomas G. Rogers (Augsburg Fortress, 2001) ISBN 0800632435

Professors of homiletics James Nieman and Thomas Rogers weave the voices of preachers with insights from psychology, sociology, and historical analysis to present a practical theology for preaching in multicultural contexts.

There's More Than One Color in the Pew: A Handbook for Multicultural, Multiracial Churches, by Tony Mathews (Smyth & Helwys, 2003) ISBN 157312415X

This book presents the challenges and successes of pasturing different cultures and races, as well as barriers that impede growth and relationships among the laity. Each chapter includes questions for individual consideration or class discussion. For larger groups, a handy guide for leading a seminar on the multicultural, multiracial church is also provided.

United by Faith: The Multiracial Congregation as an Answer to the Problem of Race, by Curtiss Paul DeYoung, Michael O. Emerson, et. al. (Oxford University Press, 2004) ISBN 0195152158

This is a critical account of the theological arguments in favor of racial separation, as voiced in the African-American, Latino, Asian-American, Native-American and white contexts. The authors respond in detail, closing with a foundation for a theology suited to sustaining multiracial congregations over time and making the church the basis for racial reconciliation.

RACIAL RECONCILIATION

Beyond Black and White: Reflections on Racial Reconciliation, by George A. Yancey (Baker, 1996) ISBN: 0801056977

Offers practical avenues for replacing the façade of false harmony with true oneness in Christ.

Beyond Racial Gridlock, by George Yancey (InterVarsity, 2006) ISBN 0-8308-3376-5

Sociologist George Yancey surveys a range of approaches to racial healing that Christians have used and offers a new model for moving forward.

Beyond Rhetoric: Reconciliation as a Way of Life, by Samuel George Hines and Curtiss Paul DeYoung (Judson Press, 2000) ISBN 0817013296

Christians agree that seeking reconciliation, especially across racial lines, should be a high priority for all believers. Many, however, are unsure of how to pursue this goal. The authors provide a practical theology of reconciliation that will enable readers to take concrete action—an exploration of reconciliation that moves the discussion beyond rhetoric to personal action.

Dismantling Racism: The Continuing Challenge to White America, by Joseph Barndt (Augsburg Fortress, 1991) ISBN 0806625767

The author focuses on the task of dismantling racism, how we can work to bring it to an end and build a racially just, multiracial, multicultural society. This book calls us to begin our next assault on the demonic evil of racism.

Enter the River: Healing Steps from White Privilege Toward Racial Reconciliation, by Jody Miller Shearer (Herald Press, 1994) ISBN 0836136608

After asking, "Why be concerned about racism?" Shearer explores definitions of prejudice and racism, the different effects of racism on white persons and people of color, affirmative action, and many other issues. The accessible presentation provides a strong foundation for study and action.

Gracism: The Art of Inclusion, by David A. Anderson (InterVarsity, 2007) ISBN 978-0-8308-3440-2

The author responds to prejudice and injustice with the principle of gracism: radical inclusion for the marginalized and excluded. Building on Paul's exhortations in 1 Corinthians 12 to honor the weaker member, Anderson presents a biblical model for showing special grace to others on the basis of color, class or culture. A Christian alternative to secular models of affirmative action or colorblindness, gracism is an opportunity to extend God's grace to people of all backgrounds.

The Heart of Racial Justice: How Soul Change Leads to Social Change, by Brenda Salter McNeil and Rick Richardson (InterVarsity, 2009) ISBN 0830837221

The authors reveal a new model of racial reconciliation, social justice and spiritual healing that creates both individual and community transformation. They show you how to: use your faith as a force for change, not as a smoke-screen for self-protection; embrace your true self and renounce false racial identities; receive and extend forgiveness as an act of racial reconciliation; experience personal transformation through the healing of painful racial memories; engage in social action by developing ongoing cross-cultural partnerships.

He's My Brother, by John Perkins and Thomas A. Tarrants, III (Baker, 1994) ISBN 0800792149

A black man brutalized by white racists and a former white leader in the Ku Klux Klan tell their stories and call for Christian reconciliation across cultural boundaries.

Inclusion: Making Room for Grace, by Eric H. F. Law (Chalice Press, 2000) ISBN 0827216203

Inclusion, says the author, is a discipline of consciously extending the boundaries of our communities to embrace and affirm people of diverse backgrounds and experiences. In this resource for ministers and church leaders, Law provides models, theories, and strategies that are both practical and theologically sound for moving faith communities toward greater inclusion.

It's the Little Things: Everyday Interactions That Anger, Annoy, and Divide the Races, by Lena Williams (Harvest, 2002) ISBN 0-15-601348-7

Although we no longer live in a legally segregated society, the division between blacks and whites never seems to go away. We work together, go to school together, and live near each other, but beneath it all there is a level of misunderstanding that breeds mistrust and a level of miscommunication that generates anger. The author looks at the interactions between blacks and whites—the gestures, expressions, tones, and body language that keep us divided.

The Journey Toward Reconciliation, by John Paul Lederach (Herald Press, 1999) ISBN 0836190823

These stories, gathered by John Paul Lederach from the Bible and from conflicts in the church and in public settings of various cultures, show the narrative basis of personal experience and reconciliation. Journeying through conflict and to its resolution involves a choice of direction, moving continuously toward reconciliation. This means meeting oneself, others, and God -- a profound task that lies at the heart of the gospel. This is a resource for small groups or adult education classes to reflect upon and use to explore the dimensions of reconciliation.

Kingdom Come: How Jesus Wants to Change the World, by Allen Mitsuo Wakabayashi (InterVarsity, 2003) ISBN 0830823638

With biblical insight, the author unpacks what Jesus proclaimed about the good news of the kingdom and spells out the implications for you today. Focusing on the kingdom of God will revolutionize how you live out your faith, how you think about your world and how you explain the good news about Jesus. Ultimately, understanding yourself as a citizen of the kingdom will empower you to be one of God's change agents in the world.

Let the Walls Fall Down, by Phillip Porter (Charisma House, 1996) ISBN 0884194248

The author shows you how to prevent prejudice from separating you from other believers, whether you're black or white, Pentecostal or Baptist, rich or poor.

Letters Across the Divide: Two Friends Explore Racism, Friendship, and Faith, by David Anderson and Brent Zuercher (Baker Books, 2001) ISBN 0-8010-6343-4

The authors believe that both black and white people still harbor wrong assumptions and resentments toward each other. They also believe that the church is called to a deeply felt reconciliation between the races. As a result, Anderson and Zuercher strive to understand each other, hashing out their differences, giving voice to feelings most of us have had but would never express out loud. The result is a book that provokes thought, arouses emotion, and ultimately spurs actions, stressing that the most effective way of dealing with the many facets of racial reconciliation is through real and connected friendships.

A Mighty Long Journey: Reflections on Racial Reconciliation, edited by Timothy George, et. al. (Broadman & Holman, 2000) ISBN 0805418202

The editors have compiled a collection of essays, sermons, and speeches chronicling the journey to racial reconciliation in the American church. Writers and pastors from various backgrounds reflect on the state of affairs of race relations in the church, the sins of the past, repentance in the present, and redemption for the future. (Timothy George is Dean at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, AL.)

More Than Equals: Racial Healing for the Sake of the Gospel, by Spencer Perkins and Chris Rice (InterVarsity, 2000) ISBN 0-8308-2256-9

After growing up in two different worlds, the authors were brought together by God to become friends and partners in the difficult ministry of racial reconciliation. From their experience, they offer hope that whites and African-Americans can live together in peace. This revised edition includes a new introduction, new afterward, a new study guide, and a new chapter by Perkins, "Playing the Grace of God."

My First White Friend, by Patricia Raybon (Penguin, 1997) ISBN 0140244360

Newspaper columnist, writer and NPR commentator Patricia Raybon admits that she hated whites for years. Eventually, she found an alternative: forgiveness. The first part of the book is a series of essays on the life experiences of herself and her father, and the racial history of the country; it ends with "Letter to My First White Friend," a grateful acknowledgment of a white girl at her mostly white high school. In part two of the book, further essays explore the process of moving beyond hate, and the new world it has opened up for Raybon.

No Partiality, by Douglas Sharp (InterVarsity, 2002) ISBN 0-8308-2669-6

Arguing that race is a social and mythical construct, the author explores its psychological, sociopolitical and socioeconomic dimensions. Finally, Sharp weaves a theological model of racial reconciliation for a new humanity.

Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption, by Jennifer Thompson and Ronald Cotton (St. Martin's Press, 2009) ISBN 0312376537

Jennifer Thompson was raped at knifepoint by a man who broke into her apartment while she slept. She was able to escape, and eventually positively identified Ronald Cotton as her attacker. Ronald insisted that she was mistaken-- but Jennifer's positive identification was the compelling evidence that put him behind bars. After eleven years, Ronald was allowed to take a DNA test that proved his innocence. He was released, after serving more than a decade in prison for a crime he never committed. Two years later, Jennifer and Ronald met face to face-- and forged an unlikely friendship that changed both of their lives. In their own words, Jennifer and Ronald unfold the harrowing details of their tragedy, and challenge our ideas of memory and judgment while demonstrating the profound nature of human grace and the healing power of forgiveness.

Reconciliation Blues: A Black Evangelical's Inside View of White Christianity, by Edward Gilbreath (InterVarsity, 2006) ISBN 0830833676

Gilbreath gives an insightful, honest picture of both the history and the present state of racial reconciliation in evangelical churches. Charting progress as well as setbacks, his words offer encouragement for black evangelicals feeling alone, clarity for white evangelicals who want to understand more deeply, and fresh vision for all who want to move forward toward Christ's prayer "that all of them may be one."

Reconciliation: Our Greatest Challenge—Our Only Hope, by Curtiss Paul DeYoung (Judson Press, 1997) ISBN 0817012567

DeYoung considers reconciliation in its broadest sense and illustrates practical approaches concerning gender, culture, class, and nationalism. The core of *Reconciliation* describes what is essential for actually engaging in the process of reconciliation: taking responsibility, seeking forgiveness, repairing the wrong, healing the soul, and creating a new way of relating.

Reconciliation: Restoring Justice, by John W. De Gruchy (Fortress, 2002) ISBN 0800636007

The author affirms the possibility and necessity of reconciliation, believing that it is the center and perennial test of their faith and that it goes beyond personal piety and ecclesial harmony to encompass group relations, politics, and environment. In all cases, he argues that it involves the restoration of justice.

Separate No More, by Norman Anthony Peart (Baker, 2000) ISBN 080106337X

Through this book, you will be encouraged to actively participate in the ministry of racial reconciliation and to lead your local church in pursuing the goal of being separate no more.

Set Free: A Journey Toward Solidarity Against Racism, by Iris De Leon-Hartshorn (Foreword), Tobin Miller Shearer, Regina Shands Stoltzfus (Herald Press, 2001) ISBN 0836191579.

Using anecdote, analysis, and scriptural reflection, *Set Free* offers language and insight to describe the names racism calls us. Six chapters define, illustrate, and suggest response to internalized racist oppression among communities of color. Three more chapters grapple with issues of internalized racist superiority among white communities. The final four chapters present practical principles and guidelines for working together across racial lines.

Subverting the Power of Prejudice, by Sandra L. Barnes (InterVarsity, 2006) ISBN 0-8308-3339-0

The author helps us sort out why prejudice is unfair, what feeds our prejudices, how to overcome prejudice and how to avoid being victimized by discrimination. She brings together both theological insight and sociological research to help us recognize and disarm our prejudices and to bring healing to our broken personal and societal relationships.

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race, by Beverly Daniel Tatum. (Basic Books, 1999 revised edition) ISBN 0465091296

Anyone who's been to a high school or college has noted how students of the same race seem to stick together, but the author doesn't think it's so bad. She believes these students are in the process of establishing and affirming their racial identity. As Tatum sees it, blacks must secure a racial identity free of negative stereotypes. The challenge to whites, on which she expounds, is to give up the privilege that their skin color affords and to work actively to combat injustice in society.

Winning the Race to Unity: Is Racial Reconciliation Really Working, by Clarence Shuler (Moody, 2003) ISBN 0802481590

It's been said that the most segregated time of the week is Sunday morning. The church experiences the same racial tensions as the rest of society and this certainly does not bring glory to God. In this book, Shuler directly confronts this racial divide and challenges the church to face these problems and tackle them head on.

The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb: Spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community, by Eric H.F. Law (Chalice Press, 1993) ISBN 082724231X

Using a combination of theology and cultural anthropology, the author, a Chinese-American, explores why certain cultures—most notably whites of Northern European origin—tend, consciously or unconsciously, to dominate in multicultural situations, driving those of other races and ethnic groups to silent rage or outright rebellion. Only through conscious effort and great faith can the wolves and the lambs of the world really dwell together in peace.

STUDIES FOR INDIVIDUALS OR SMALL GROUPS

Crazy Enough to Care: Changing Your World Through Compassion, Justice and Racial Reconciliation, by Alvin C. Bibbs (InterVarsity, 2009) ISBN 9780-830821150

This 12-session study will take you and your friends on a journey, uncovering the things that make compassion impractical in contemporary society, addressing the fears that crop up as we consider reaching out to people we know and people we don't know, and offering opportunities to practice compassion together. Change the world by caring for others.

Even the Stones Will Cry Out for Justice: An Adult Forum on Institutionalized Racism (Produced by the Commission for Multicultural Ministries, Division for Congregational Ministries, and Women of the ELCA) ISBN 6-0001-0761-7. Order from Augsburg Fortress, 1-800-328-4648 or www.augsburgfortress.com.

This is a resource for congregations that want to reach out and embrace people of all races, cultures and ethnic backgrounds. It will help congregations understand and recognize the sin of institutional racism. It provides biblical illustrations of how racism separates us from what God calls us to be. This resource is designed to challenge the reader, filled with questions, vignettes, and discussion topics which

encourage and guide the reader past the obstacles racism presents. May be used in a 3-session format or a one-day retreat.

What Does the Lord Require? (Churches Planting Ministries, ECC) Order from www.covenantbookstore.com; discount available for Covenant churches.

This curriculum series has been designed for local churches that want to deepen their faith and move to action by strengthening their understanding of the biblical concepts of compassion and justice and how to apply them.

URBAN MINISTRY

A Heart for the City: Effective Ministries to the Urban Community, edited by John Fuder (Moody, 2005) ISBN 0802490891

This overview of urban ministry essentials, sponsored by CCDA, includes several well-done chapters on how to deal with racism in church ministries. Specific chapters address ministry with the Latino, Chinese, Jewish, Muslim, and international communities. Another chapter confronts reconciliation head-on. Contributors include: John Perkins, Wayne Gordon, Ray Bakke, Noel Castellanos, and Joseph Stowell.

The Urban Christian, by Ray Bakke (InterVarsity, 1987) ISBN 0-87784-523-9

Drawing on twenty years of study, travel and work in the inner city, Ray Bakke pinpoints the special needs of urban dwellers and outlines strategies for effective ministry in the cities.

Urban Ministry, by Harvie M. Conn and Manuel Ortiz (InterVarsity, 2001) ISBN 0-8308-1573-2

The authors unpack the multifaceted nature of the city, moving us beyond fragmented stereotypes to a new way of seeing that is holistic enough for a fully biblical ministry to develop.

WORSHIP

Diverse Worship, by Pedrito U. Maynard-Reid (InterVarsity, 2000) ISBN 0-8308-1579-1

The author explores the multiethnic dimensions of worship by looking at three specific cultural contexts for worship—African-American, Caribbean and Hispanic. After surveying worship and culture through history, the author devotes a section to each of these three cultural contexts. In each section we gain new perspective on what it means to worship God.

Making Room at the Table: An Invitation to Multicultural Worship, edited by Brian K. Blount, et. al. (Westminster John Knox, 2000) ISBN 0664222021

This collection of 12 essays from professors at Princeton Theological Seminary explores how to make worship more inclusive of youth, ethnic minorities, and other persons who are frequently marginalized.

MOVIES

Lift Every Voice: The Bible in an Age of Diversity – video (Augsburg Fortress) Item #6000095457

Our world is rapidly becoming a place where people from a vast range of cultures and experiences interact on a regular basis. What does the Bible say to us in this age of diversity? Use this video in settings, such as: college or seminary class, an adult forum, an urban training school or group Bible study. Includes discussion guide. 128 minutes.

UNNATURAL CAUSES: Is Inequality Making Us Sick? –DVD (California Newsreel with Vital Pictures, Inc.)

This documentary investigates the sources of our huge and alarming socio-economic and racial inequities in health. The four-hour series sifts through the evidence suggesting that there's more to our health than bad habits, health care, or unlucky genes. The social environment in which we are born, live and work profoundly affects our well-being and longevity. To find out more about this film, go to:

<http://www.newsreel.org/nav/title.asp?tc=CN0212> Check your local PBS stations for viewing. Supplemental resources are available at www.unnaturalcauses.org.

FOR YOUTH

The Justice Mission, by Jim Hancock and the International Justice Mission (Youth Specialties/Zondervan, 2007) ISBN 0-310-24255X

Beyond summer mission trips, child sponsorship, and personal piety, justice is the next step in doing what Jesus would do. This curriculum is interactive, thought-provoking, and will engage youth groups in God's call to seek justice on the earth. The kit includes a 40-minute segmented video and Leader's Guide.

Deep Justice in a Broken World: Helping Your Kids Serve Others and Right the Wrongs Around Them, by Chap Clark and Kara Powell (Zondervan/Youth Specialties, 2008) ISBN 0310273773

This book gives youth workers the opportunity to go beyond simply trying to motivate kids to serve those in need and invites them to help their kids wrestle with why those people are in need in the first place. Specific topics that will be addressed include the out-of-the-box Jesus, the power of repentance, biblically grounded motivations for service, the power of community, as well as how to respond to the poverty, racism and unequal power relationships that abound nationally and internationally.

Deep Justice Journeys Leader's Guide: 50 Activities to Move from Mission Trips to Missional Living, by Kara Powell and Brad Griffin (Zondervan, 2009) ISBN 0310286034

The lessons included will help you prepare students for what to expect on their mission trip and service work and will allow them to reflect upon their experiences—ensuring justice work that changes students to change the world around them. Also includes ideas to help get parents and the church engaged in the youth ministry's justice work. NOTE: A corresponding Student Journal is also available.

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

40 Ways to Raise a Nonracist Child, by Barbara Mathias and Mary Ann French (Harper, 1996) ISBN 0-06-273322-2

Ultimately, the only way to rid our society of the evil of racism is to teach our children that color is not an indication of a person's worth.

Black, White, Just Right! by Marguerite W. Davol (Albert Whitman & Company, 1993) ISBN 0807507857

A mixed-race child celebrates the rich inclusiveness of her life in a joyful picture book. Each double-page spread shows how members of the family are individuals with likes and dislikes, hobbies and habits that move beyond stereotype. Each page has a rhyming refrain that ends, "just right." Ages 3-8.

Colors Come From God...Just Like Me! By Carolyn Forche (Abingdon, 1996) ISBN 0687006503

This book affirms God's creations in all their varieties and colors. Ages 4-8.

The Colors of Us, by Karen Katz (Henry Holt and Company, 2007) ISBN: 0805071636, paper; ISBN: 0805058648, hardcover

Through the eyes of a little 7-year-old girl who begins to see her familiar world in a new way, this book celebrates the differences and similarities that connect all people. Reading level, ages 9-12.

Freedom Summer, by Deborah Wiles (Atheneum/Anne Schwartz Books, 2005) ISBN 0689830165

Set in Mississippi during the summer of 1964, this book about two boys (one white, one African-American) underscores the aftermath of the passage of the Civil Rights Act. Rather than opening public pools, roller rinks and ships to African-Americans, many towns and private owners boarded up the doors. The author delivers her message through the voices of her young characters, narrator Joe and his best friend, John Henry, whose mother works as a housekeeper for Joe's family. Ages 4-8.

Grandpa, is Everything Black Bad? by Sandy Lynne Holman (The Culture Co-op, 1998) ISBN 0964465507

This children's book is a special story about a unique relationship between the old and the young. It helps children to know and the rest of us to remember that God didn't create children dumb or hateful or insecure or bad, and that everything black is not bad. Reading level, ages 9-12.

Hand in Hand Leader's Guide: Helping Children Celebrate Diversity, by Ella Campbell, et. al. (Faith Alive Resources, 2nd edition) ISBN 1-59255-429-6

Help kids in grades K-6 learn to appreciate and celebrate the diversity in God's family with this flexible five-session course.

I'm Chocolate, You're Vanilla: Raising Healthy Black and Biracial Children in a Race-Conscious World, by Marguerite Wright (Jossey-Bass, 2000) ISBN 0787952346

With wisdom and compassion, the author spells out how to educate black and biracial children about race, while preserving their innate resilience and optimism—the birthright of all children.

I'm Like You, You're Like Me: A Child's Book About Understanding and Celebrating Each Other, by Cindy Gainer (Free Spirit Publishing) Order directly from Free Spirit Publishing at <http://www.freespirit.com>

A gently introduction to tolerance and diversity for the very young, this book invites children to notice, accept, and affirm individual differences. Explores important topics like listening, understanding, feelings, kindness, friendship, and cooperation in basic terms for young children.

A Leader's Guide to I'm Like You, You're Like Me: A Child's Book About Understanding and Celebrating Each Other, by Cindy Gainer (Free Spirit Publishing) Order directly from Free Spirit Publishing at <http://www.freespirit.com>

The 20 lessons in this *Leader's Guide* reinforce the messages of the *Child's Book* with activities, questions, and reproducible Home Handouts for parents.

The Other Side, by Jacqueline Woodson (Penguin Putnam Books for Young Readers, 2001) ISBN 0399231161

The central metaphor is a fence that divides blacks from whites. As two girls (one black, one white) are both instructed by their mothers not to climb over the fence, they watch each other from a distance. Their body language and facial expressions provide clues to their ambivalence about their mothers' directives, and they eventually dodge the injunction against crossing the fence by sitting on top of it together. Eventually, it's the fence that's out of place, not the friendship. Ages 4-8.

People, by Peter Spier (Doubleday, 1988) ISBN 038513181X

In this encyclopedic picture book, Spier celebrates humankind in all its diversity—how we are similar and how we are different; in what we wear, eat, play, and how we worship. Small vignettes fill each page, illustrating the wonderful variety that exists among peoples of different cultures and races. Ages 4-8 (and older).

Whoever You Are, by Mem Fox (Voyager Books, 2006) ISBN 0152164065

Fox has composed a simple refrain to celebrate human connections in this lovely picture book. "Little one, whoever you are," she explains, there are children all over the world who may look different, live in different homes and different climates, go to different schools, and speak in different tongues but all children love, smile, laugh, and cry. Their joys, pain, and blood are the same, "whoever they are, wherever they are, all over the world." Kindergarten-Grade 3.

SEMINARS/EVENTS

Invitation to Racial Righteousness – The "Invitation" will be brought to local Covenant churches, at their request, and will be facilitated by trained Covenant leaders. The focus is on learning that leads to personal change in the area of racial reconciliation and justice. Our hope is that the Evangelical Covenant Church would become a truer reflection of the Kingdom of Christ in all its beautiful diversity. For further information, contact the Covenant Resource Center, 1-800-338-IDEA(4332) or resource.center@covchurch.org.

J2M (Journey to Mosaic) - A ministry of several regional conferences within the ECC, this multicultural experience expands the Sankofa concept to explore historical and present-day injustices related to the Asian-American, Latino-American, American Indian, and African-American communities. <http://www.pswc.org/>; <http://www.covchurch-npc.org>.

j2m² (Journey to Mosaic Squared) – **Journey to Mosaic Squared** –The goal of *j2m²* is to build Kingdom vision into the hearts of young adults ages 18-24 in the Pacific Southwest Conference. It is a three-week residential experience where up to twelve emerging leaders live together. Biblical teaching, experiential opportunities, life in community, and fun times challenge participants to look at the beginning of adulthood through Jesus’ eyes. Go to www.pswc.org for more info or an application.

Sankofa Journey – “Sankofa” is a West African term meaning looking backward to move forward. Sponsored by the Department of Christian Formation and the Office of Compassion and Justice, a Sankofa Journey is a 62-hour bus trip in which individuals visit places in the south where racial injustices were committed against African-Americans in the past. It increases one’s awareness, understanding and sensitivity for the past struggles, victories, and continuing racist oppression of our brothers and sisters of Color; how far we have come—and how far we have to go. For further information, contact the Covenant Resource Center, 1-800-338-IDEA(4332) or resource.center@covchurch.org.

SOURCES/WEB SITES

Anti-Racism Institute of Clergy and Laity Concerned

This alliance offers resources to church leaders, including packets on “Racism and the Church” and “Racism and Education.” Call 312.427.4830

Crossroads: An Interfaith Ministry for Racial Justice

This group provides anti-racism training to groups, with an emphasis on working with church and denominational systems. There are branches in Chicago (773.638.0166), Milwaukee (414.871.4045), and New York City (212.866.2406).

Ethnic America Network

<http://www.ethnic-america.net/>

A coalition of over sixty evangelical denominations encouraging local churches to share Christ’s love with the growing ethnic diversity in our communities. The focus is on reaching 1st and 2nd generation immigrants in America with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ethnic Harvest: www.ethnicarvest.org

A site dedicated to helping spread the gospel to many language and people groups, here you can find Bible translations, demographic information, and links to evangelism tools.

Tolerance.Org project: www.tolerance.org

Professional web site from the Southern Poverty Law Center that highlights the disturbing presence of hate and white supremacist groups still thriving in the USA. You can visit this site to learn about the roots of racism and “dig deeper” into your own history, take action or protest hate groups, get specific resources for kids/teens/adults/teachers, or read about race issues in the news.

NOTE: For an abridged version of this bibliography, go to www.covchurch.org/resource-center or contact the Covenant Resource Center as noted below.

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