



Southeast Michigan Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Building Racial Reconciliation In Christ's Kingdom (BRRICK)

Suggested Reading List

- A People's History of the United States**, Howard Zinn,
History of the American people from the point of view of those who've been exploited politically & economically and whose plight was largely omitted from most histories.
- Black Labor White Wealth: The Search for Economic Justice**, Claud Anderson
Explains how African Americans were socially engineered into a dysfunctionally subordinate position economically, educationally and politically in American Society.
- Dismantling Racism**, Joseph Barndt
The continuing challenge to White America.
- Enter the River**, Jody Miller Shearer
Healing Steps from White Privilege Toward Racial Reconciliation.
- Faces at the Bottom of the Well: The Permanence of Racism**, Derrick Bell
Bell uses stories and fables to examine the dilemma of racial relations in America.
- Lies My Teacher Told Me**, James W. Loewen
Everything your American history book got wrong.
- Life Together**, Dietrich Bonhoeffer
The classic exploration of Faith in Community
- Parting the Waters**, Taylor Branch
America in the King Years, 1954-63.
- Pedagogy of the Oppressed**, Paulo Freire
A Latin educators quest for Self-Determination through problem-posing education.
- The Michael Eric Dyson Reader**, Michael Eric Dyson
From Michael Jordan to the role of religion in public life, from Toni Morrison to patriotism in the wake of 9/11, Dyson tackles just about any subject of relevance to black America today.

Slave Religion, Albert J. Raboteau

A comprehensive study of how the gospel was used to support the institution of slavery and ingenious ways that slaves reconstructed Jesus liberation.

Strength to Love, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A volume of his most well known homilies.

The Black Christ, Kelly Brown Douglas

The development of Black Christology in racist America and a Womanist critique.

The Racial Contract, Charles W. Mills

The development of racism as a way of thinking and knowing in America

Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe

A novel about a tribe in Africa, its culture, and what happens when the white missionaries arrive.

Warriors Don't Cry, Melba Patillo Beals

Memoir of one of the "Little Rock 9" - the first African American students to integrate Arkansas' high schools.

White Theology: Outing Supremacy in Modernity, James W. Perkinson

The history of white supremacy in "White Theology."

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?, Beverly Daniel Tatum

A psychologist explains the development of racial identity.

[Study/Discussion Resources](#)

Available for purchase through Sojourners Magazine:

- 1) Christians and Racial Justice
- 2) Crossing the Racial Divide
- 3) Christians and the Civil Rights Movement

They can be downloaded by going to www.Sojo.net and click on "resources."

Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice: A Sourcebook By Maurianne Adams

This book comes with a CD, and deals with a lot of "ism's" – a great resource for workshops and other educational opportunities.

Readings for Diversity and Social Justice: An Anthology of Racism, Antisemitism, Sexism, Heterosexism, Ableism, and Classism By Beverly Daniel Tatum

This book is a good accompaniment to Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice