

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY WEBSITE GUIDE

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UNITED**

FOR ALL TO BE FREE



OVERVIEW & LEARNING

The work of dismantling racism can seem gargantuan and one might not know where to start. However, we are here to walk with you. Whether you are an individual, church, or organization we have resources that support advancing an understanding of this complex, yet critical topic.



UNITED METHODISTS ON RACE

Our faith is rooted in social justice and creating equity. We are led by guiding principles, United Methodism's resolutions on race, and other resources which are available in this area. These tools can help ground action in our collective position on race.



NEJ CALL TO ACTION

At the 2016 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference passed a resolution that calls for "an effort to address, confront, and, otherwise demand systemic fundamental and institutional change both within the church and the world." Please visit this area to learn more about how we are living into this call.



CONVERSATION TOOLS

There are many of us who were taught that conversations about race, religion, and politics were not polite or productive. Unfortunately, avoidance has not prepared us to do the work or have conversations that move us forward. Look here for ways to engage with others.



READING LISTS

Life-long learning is essential to doing better. We must look, listen, and learn more about the history and impacts of systemic racism, as well as do the work to become an anti-racist. The books, articles, and blogs featured here are resources to support this process.



VIDEOS

Sharing our stories is important to develop a deeper understanding and connection to what can move us forward. This area includes sermons, videos, and workshops as resources for learning and engagement.



PUBLIC ACTION RESOURCES

We are called to seek justice, love mercy, and stay humble as we walk with the Lord and one another. Working for change takes us showing up not only in our churches but also in our communities. Find resources for this work here.



SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

When two or three are gathered as followers of Christ, the Lord is with us to guide and make the world plain before our eyes. In the fellowship of our peers, we are able to learn different insights and experiences that can create a world where all are free. **Includes resources supporting Bishop Easterling's Call to Pastors for facilitating learning around anti-racism.*



WORSHIP RESOURCES

We lift our voices to lament, repent, give thanks, and glorify God in all that we do. We must also do this as we address racial injustices and racism. Find prayers, teachings, and sermons to center ourselves for the work ahead of us. **Includes resources supporting Bishop Easterling's Call for Pastors to preach on anti-racism at least once a month.*



YOUNG PEOPLE'S RESOURCES

Nearly every significant movement in society has involved the energy, passion, and foresight of young people. We know that the next generation is leading us and helping us see the world more openly. Resources curated for children, youth, and young adults (under 35) are available here.



SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLS

Change takes time and we must move our efforts from a moment into a movement by adding our witness to the conversation in and outside of the church. Join others in learning more about what's next and connect with our We Rise United: Digital Witness Toolkit and other resources for social media.



PAST EVENTS

We are continuing our commitment to racial justice and will travel this road as we have for some time. Learn more about our past work and events here.