

**ELCA Resources:**

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Racial-Justice-Ministries>

**Reading:**

Unpacking White Privilege: The important work of making the church less harmful, *Living Lutheran*, January 17, 2020, <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2020/01/unpacking-white-privilege/>

Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent, 2019

How Strategic and Authentic is Our Diversity; A Call for Confession, Reflection and Healing Action, 2019

Confession for the Third Millennium, Black Lutheran Experiences Thirty-Eight Theses, 1999, by the

Conference of International Black Lutherans and Leader/Participant Study Guides

Troubling the Waters for Healing of the Church: A Journey for White Christians from Privilege to Partnership (Leaders Guide and Participant handouts), ELCA, 2004

ELCA Social Statement <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Race-Ethnicity-and-Culture> 1993

**Training:**

Racial Equity Tools: <https://www.racialequitytools.org/module/overview/transforming-white-privilege>

To order curriculum contact Judith Roberts, ELCA Racial Justice Program Director, (773) 380-2853

ELCA One Body <https://www.elca.org/onebody>

**Books**

**Personal Understandings of Life as a Person of Color:**

Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US, by Reverend Lenny Duncan, 2019

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness, Austin Channing Brown, 2018

Small Great Things, Jodi Picoult, 2016. Novel based on a true story.

Between the World and Me, Ta-Nehisi Coates, 2015. Letters from a Baltimore father to his son.

Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race, Debbie Irving, 2014. Autobiography

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates, Wes Moore, 2011. True stories of two men from Baltimore.

Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing, Joy Degruy Leary, 2005. Learn about internalized oppression.

**Christian Perspectives:**

Love Big: the Power of Revolutionary Relationships to Heal the World, by Rozella Haydee White, 2019

America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to New America, by Jim Wallace, 2017

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption, Bryan Stevenson, 2015

The Cross and the Lynching Tree, James H. Cone, 2013

Disunity in Christ, Christian Cleveland, 2013

Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus, Michael Curry, Katharine Jefferts Schori, 2013

A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr., Martin Luther King, Jr., James Washington, ed., HarperOne, 1990. (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

### **History of White Privilege:**

Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence: Understanding and Facilitating Difficult Dialogues, Derald Wing Sue, 2016

Beyond The Whiteness of Whiteness: Memoir of a White Mother of Black Sons, Jane Lazarre, 2016

White Privilege: Essential Reading on the Other Side of Racism, Paula S. Rothenberg, 2015

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness; 2012 by Michelle Alexander (companion book The New Jim Crow Study Guide and Call to Action; 2016)

The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism, 2014, by Edward E. Baptist

Understanding White Privilege: Creating Pathways to Authentic Relationships Across Race, Frances E. Kendall, 2012

Radical Reconciliation: Beyond Political Pietism and Christian Quietism, Jun 1, 2012, by Allan Boesak and Curtiss Paul DeYoung

The History of White People, Nell Irvin Painter, 2011

Understanding and Dismantling Racism: The Twenty-First Century Challenge to White America; Joseph Barndt, 2007

Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong, James W. Loewen, 2007

On the Court House Lawn, Sherrilyn Ifill, 2007 (History of racism on Eastern Shore, Maryland)

The Color of Wealth: The Story Behind the U.S. Racial Wealth Divide, Meizhu Lui, Barbara Robles, Betsy Leondar-Wright, 2006

Doing Justice: Congregations and Community Organizing, Dennis Jacobsen, 2001, Augsburg Fortress

### **Ideas for Taking Action:**

How to Be an Anti-Racist, Ibram X. Kendi, 2019

The Case for Reparations, Ta-Nehisi Coates, 2014

### **News Articles**

The black-white economic divide is as wide as it was in 1968

<https://washingtonpost.com/business/2020/06/04/economic-divide-black-households/>

### **Videos**

*“Deconstructing White Privilege with Robin Di Angelo”*, Feb. 21, 2017,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dwlx3KQer54>

*“Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequality”* (and conversation guide); 2012; 75 minutes by World Trust Educational Services, Inc. and Crackingthecodes.org

*“Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible”* (and conversation guide); 2006; 50 minutes by World Trust Educational Services, Inc.; [www.world-trust.org](http://www.world-trust.org)

## **Movies**

Emanuel (2019) – Documentary about the 2015 murders at the AME Church by a member of an ELCA congregation in South Carolina

Harriet (2019)

13<sup>th</sup> (2016) – Documentary about how the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment led to mass incarceration in the US and is used as a weapon against minorities.

Birth of a Nation (2016)

Loving (2016)

Moonlight (2016)

12 Years a Slave (2013)

Selma (2014)

Crash (2005)

## **Websites**

- [www.raceforward.org](http://www.raceforward.org) and [www.centerforsocialinclusion.org](http://www.centerforsocialinclusion.org) The Center for Racial Justice Innovation and the Center for Social Inclusion both focus on understanding and dismantling structural racism. They are in the process of merging
- [www.euroamerican.org](http://www.euroamerican.org) Center for the Study of White American Culture, Inc. A protected online space where white anti-racists and people of color who support and encourage white anti-racists can assemble, network, share in community, and act to transform our larger society to one that is racially just.
- [www.bmoreantiracist.org](http://www.bmoreantiracist.org) Baltimore Racial Justice Action's goals recognize that whites and people of color have different connections to the impact of racism and the work of dismantling it, there are distinct goals for each group. BRJA also has specific goals in working with organizations.
- [www.racialequitytools.org](http://www.racialequitytools.org) Racial Equity Tools is designed to support individuals and groups working to achieve [racial equity](#). This site offers tools, research, tips, curricula and ideas for people who want to increase their own understanding and to help those working toward justice at every level – in systems, organizations, communities and the culture at large.