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RESOURCES FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES TO FIGHT RACISM

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Resources include links to prayers, educational materials, videos, websites, tool-kits, and scholarship. This is not a comprehensive list and does not include every faith, but rather a sampling of the abundant scholarship on this complicated issue. In compiling these materials, we clearly see how our faith traditions express our shared values about respecting others, welcoming strangers and, the admonition to “love thy neighbor as thyself.” It is our hope that through our houses of worship, communities, institutions, families, and the work of Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, we can use this teachable moment to address the systemic racism that is rooted in our history and continues to harm so many in our Commonwealth. If you have additional resources you would like to share, please send information to: roberta@virginiainterfaithcenter.org.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER: Ten Ways to Fight Hate - a Community Response Guide

<https://www.splcenter.org/20170814/ten-ways-fight-hate-community-response-guide>
Hate in America has become commonplace. What can we do to stop the hate? This guide offers many resources.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE: “Denouncing Racism: A Resource Guide of Faith-Based Principles”

<https://pebbleinshoe.files.wordpress.com/2008/05/denouncing-racism-a-resource-guide-of-faith-based-principles.pdg>

NCCJ was founded in 1927 as the National Conference for Christians and Jews/championing the cause of social justice for all and its mission of fighting bias, bigotry and racism in all its forms and to work toward building strong and inclusive communities.

KELLOGG FOUNDATION: list of organizations working on racial equality

(grassroots, academic and national advocacy organizations)

<http://www.racialequityresourceguide.org/organizations/organizations/sectionFilter/Racial%20Healing>

SIERRA CLUB: Environmental Justice

<https://www.sierraclub.org/environmental-justice>

Resources: <https://www.sierraclub.org/environmental-justice/resources>

Mission: To discuss and explore the linkages between environmental quality and social justice, and to promote dialogue, increased understanding, and appropriate action.

DR. ROBERT BULLARD: lecture: Environmental Racism Lecture – Race, Place, and the Politics of Pollution <https://www.law.utah.edu/event/environmental-racism-lecture/>

<http://drrobertbullard.com/>

EVERYDAY DEMOCRACY

<https://www.everyday-democracy.org/resources/racial-equity>

Everyday Democracy works to strengthen democracy by making authentic engagement and public participation a permanent part of the way we work as a country. Everyday Democracy is a project of the Paul J. Aicher Foundation.

RACIAL EQUITY TOOLS

<https://www.racialequitytools.org/home>

Racial Equity Tools is designed to support individuals and groups to achieve racial equality. This site offers tools, research tips, curricula and ideas for people how want to increase their own understanding and to help those working toward justice at every level.

RACE FORWARD: The Center for Race and Justice Innovation

<https://www.raceforward.org/practice/tools>

The new Race Forward is home to the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE), a national network of government working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all. Race Forward publishes the daily news site Colorlines and presents Facing Race, the country’s largest multiracial conference on racial justice.

THE RELIGIOUS INSTITUTE: Anti-Racism Resources

<http://religiousinstitute.org/resources/anti-racism-resources/>

The Religious Institute is a multi-faith organization that works on a wide range of issues. It has helpful anti-racism resources.

CHRISTIAN FAITH RESOURCES

EPISCOPAL: REPAIRING THE BREACH: Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

A resource for exploring our history with racism in Southern Virginia

http://www.diosova.org/mins_and_comms/article357808c8602476.htm

“The sin of slavery thrived in Virginia and the sin of racism continues to infect and hamper the people and parishes of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. How do we reach a place of material and relational reconciliation and spiritual healing that will lead us to new life in Christ? This study guide, together with the accompanying video, is prepared for use in its entirety in parish communities.”

EPISCOPAL: Resources for Racial Reconciliation and Justice

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/resources-racial-reconciliation-and-justice>

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: toolkit post-Charlottesville

<http://www.gcorr.org/toolkit-for-ministry-post-charlottesville>

This was created in preparation for the one-year anniversary of white nationalists assaulting Charlottesville with hate speech, racialized terror tactics, and a weaponized car.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST: Anti-Racism Resources

http://www.ucc.org/justice_advocacy_resources_pdfs_anti-racism_anti-racism-resources

THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS: PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING

<https://www.pym.org/addressing-racism/>

Friends in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting tested and affirmed the work of our clerks and our elders, since being tasked during Annual Sessions in July 2014, to help discern a way forward in addressing many -isms including-racism, sexism, genderism and classism.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST: Side with Love Interfaith Public Advocacy Campaign

<https://sidewithlove.org/faith-race-justice/>

Side with Love is an interfaith public advocacy campaign promoting respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Side with Love confronts issues of exclusion, oppression, and violence based on identity

CATHOLIC

The following are resources from a Catholic, Jesuit perspective—including some reflections from communities.

<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/resources/faith-in-action-responding-to-racial-injustice/>

CATHOLIC SISTERS OF MERCY: Prayer: The elimination of racism

<https://www.sistersofmercy.org/resources/prayer-the-elimination-of-racism/>

LUTHERAN

Anti-racism and multiculturalism

<https://www.spas-elca.org/resources/for-congregations/anti-racism-multiculturalism/>

JEWISH RESOURCES

EVOLVE: Groundbreaking Jewish Conversations

Papers, dvrei torah, resources and reading lists on race and racism.

<http://evolve.reconstructingjudaism.org/category/Race>

BEND THE ARC: Jewish social justice action on many issues

<https://www.bendthearc.us/action>

THE SHALOM CENTER: The Shalom Center equips activists and spiritual leaders with awareness and skills needed to lead in shaping a transformed and transformative Judaism that can help create a world of peace, justice, healing for the earth, and respect for the interconnectedness of all life. Articles by and about Heschel on racism:

<https://theshalomcenter.org/treasury/52>

Social and racial justice articles: <https://theshalomcenter.org/treasury/4>

TRUAH: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights: Seeing the Dark in a Different Light: The Power of Our Language to Promote Racial Justice

<https://www.truah.org/resources/seeing-the-dark-in-a-different-light-the-power-of-our-language-to-promote-racial-justice/>

Resources for communities fighting mass incarceration

<https://www.truah.org/resources/handbook-for-jewish-communities-fighting-mass-incarceration/>

JEWS FOR RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

<https://jfrej.org/about-us/>

MUSLIM RESOURCES

THE ONE REASON: against racism

<http://www.onereason.org/againstracism/>

Crosscut: speech by Qasim Rashid: 'Drown your ignorance, slay your privilege'

<https://crosscut.com/2016/10/qasim-rashid-courage-awards-racism-immigrant>

EDUCATIONAL – YOUTH RESOURCES

KIDS AND RACE <https://www.kidsandrace.org/>

We teach workshops, lectures, and curriculum for parents, educators, and community leaders on cultivating socially responsible and culturally aware children. Links to movies and cartoons that help kids appreciate diversity.

TEACHING TOLERANCE

<https://www.tolerance.org/>

Our mission is to help teachers and schools educate children and youth to be active participants in a diverse democracy. Bring social justice topics to life with our classroom friendly films and user guides. Materials are FREE for use in K–12 schools, schools of education, public libraries, houses of worship and youth-serving nonprofits.

<https://www.tolerance.org/classroom-resources/film-kits>

<https://www.tolerance.org/podcasts/teaching-hard-history/american-slavery>

NEWS MEDIA

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO: “Codeswitch”

<https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/>

About The Code Switch Team: Remember when folks used to talk about being "post-racial"? Well, we're definitely not that. We're a team of journalists fascinated by the overlapping themes of race, ethnicity and culture, how they play out in our lives and communities, and how all of this is shifting.

RICHMOND, VA

VIRGINIA CENTER FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES: <https://inclusiveva.org/>

Addresses prejudice in all forms in order to improve academic achievement, increase workplace productivity and enhance local trust.

INITIATIVES OF CHANGE: Hope in the Cities <https://us.iofc.org/hope-in-the-cities>

Hope in the Cities (HIC) possesses a deep history of inter-racial trust, reflection, dialogue and action spanning 25 years. **Something’s in the Water: A Requiem for**

Reckoning <https://us.iofc.org/news/2019/2/somethings-in-the-water-a-requiem-for-reckoning>