

MATTHEW 25 BEGINNING RESOURCE LIST

Books and Publications:

- Brown, Austin Channing. *I'm Still Here, Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. New York: Convergent Books, 2018.
- Cotes, Ta-Nehsi. *Between the World and Me*. New York: Spiegel & Grau, 2015.
- DiAngelo, Robin. *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*. Boston: Beacon Press, 2018.
- Douglas, Frederick. *My Bondage and My Freedom*. Mineola, NY: Dover Publications, 1969. Original Publication, New York and Auburn, NY: Miller, Orton and Mulligan, 1855.
- Dyson, Michael Eric. *Tears We Cannot Stop, A Sermon to White America*. New York: St. Martins, 2021.
- Elliott, Andrea. *Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival & Hope in an America City*. New York: Random House, 2021.
A Pulitzer Prize Winner.
Review by Juanita Fowler:
"There are about 1.38 million homeless schoolchildren in the U.S. About one in 12 live in NYC. In 2013, Andrea Elliott wrote a series of articles focusing on an eleven-year-old child, Dasani. The 5-day series was on the front page of the NYTimes. Elliott expanded the Pulitzer Prize winning articles into a book. Elliott weaves the story of Dasani and her family while tracing the passage of their ancestors from slavery to the great migration north. As Dasani comes of age, the homeless crisis in NYC has exploded amid the deepening chasm between rich and poor. Dasani guides her siblings through a city riddled with hunger, violence, drug addiction, homelessness, and the monitoring of child protective services. This book which is a little over 500 pages reads like a page turning novel. Elliott's research is extensive. One example of her research is about Dasani going to the Milton Hershey School. Not only does she write about Dasani's experiences, but she also writes about Milton Hershey's background and the beginning of the school. When she writes about Dasani's uncle, who returned from World War II she writes about him and other black men. Despite having training in the army, when he came home the only job available to him was as a custodian in a school. He like so many others were denied the G.I. bill and an education. She follows Dasani's life for eight years. As she writes about the homeless shelter, the public schools, the politics, you read not only about Dasani, but the most critical issues in contemporary America."
- Northup, Solomon. *Twelve Years a Slave: A Memoir of Kidnap, Slavery and Liberation*. Mineola, NY: Dover, 2000. First published, Auburn, NY: Derby and Miller, 1853.
- Morrison, Latasha. *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*. Colorado Springs: Waterbrook Publishers, 2019.
- Stevenson, Bryan. *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption..* New York: Spiegel & Grau, 2014.
- Thomas, Angie. *The Hate U Give*. New York: Harper Collins, 2017.
- Tisby, Jamar, *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, Grand Rapids, 2019.
- Thurman, Howard. *The Luminous Darkness, A Personal Interpretation of the Anatomy of Segregation and the Ground of Hope*. New York: Harper Rowe, 1965.

Wallis, Jim. *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*. Grand Rapids: Baker Publishing, 2015

Wilkerson, Isabel. *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*. New York, Random House, 2020.

National Book Award.

Review by Jocelyn Pyett:

“Impeccably researched, very dense, read describing the world-wide phenomenon of characterizing others by skin-color or economic position. Using powerful stories, Wilkerson illustrates how invasive and insidious these characterizations can be. They become unconscious and culturally imbedded having implications for perpetuation economic divides, education opportunities and health care options. She confronts these destructive separations and suggests ways America can move beyond them.”

Yoo, William. *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, 2022.

Online Resources:

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Why they are marks of the church, and how we can practice these values in our congregations and mid-councils. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-why-they-are-marks-of-the-church-and-how-we-can-practice-these-values-in-our-congregations-and-mid-councils>.

How have curious conversations in dangerously divided times. How to Be a Better Human Podcast, with Mónica Guzmán, November 21, 2022. <https://www.ted.com/podcasts/how-to-be-a-better-human/how-to-have-curious-conversations-monica-guzman-transcript>.

An Equity Profile of Lancaster County: <https://nationalequityatlas.org/an-equity-profile-of-lancaster-county>

Matthew 25 Twenty-One Day Challenge by Simeon Harrar. See Lancaster Highland Presbyterian website/Social Justice Committee page.

Movies/Plays/Videos:

Movie: *Harriet*, 2019.

Movie: *The Hate U Give*, 2017.

Movie: *Just Mercy*, 2019.

Musical: *Tom and Sally (The American Way)*: Lyrics by Fred Newman and music by Annie Roboff about Thomas Jefferson's relationship with Sally Hemings, 2005. <https://vimeo.com/55676423>

Video series: *Trouble the Waters: Conversations to Disrupt Racism and Dominance.*

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/trouble-the-water-docuseries-now-available-to-download>

Museums:

Harriet Tubman Museum and Education Center: Cambridge, MD

Lynching Memorial: Mobile, AL