

Interested in involving your congregation in Anti-Racism work?

One example is an Anti-Racism book group organized by Ascension Lutheran Church. Participants come prepared to comment on books they've have read (or webinars attended) or to listen to the others in the group about their readings. Ascension has provided the following list of suggested titles.

- *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (2013). By theologian James Cone.
- *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* (2015). By the acclaimed lawyer Bryan Stevenson. Mentioned by the bishop in his recent sermon.
- *Mindful of Race: Transforming Race from the Inside Out* (2018). By the esteemed diversity leadership trainer and mindfulness practitioner Ruth King.
- Ibram X. Kendi's *How to be an Anti-Racist* (2019). Societal. recommended by many people including Bishop Hazelwood.
- *The Racial Complex*, by Fanny Brewster (2019). Psychological. Recommended by Bishop Hazelwood.
- *The Quest for Environmental Justice: Human Rights and the Politics of Pollution* (2005). Ed. by Dr. Robert D. Bullard. On the connection between racism and environmental pollution. Bullard is an expert, considered the Father of Environmental Justice. These essays cover varied communities and ecosystems internationally.
- *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria and Other Conversations About Race?* (2017). By Beverly Daniel Tatum, PhD. (Note from Jen Burkman: "I read it about 20 years ago as part of my teacher training, and I would love to revisit it again." Note: she read it last month and reported on it at the book group)
- *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending our Hearts and Bodies* (2017). By Resmaa Menaken. Excellent in discussing trauma experience by both white and Black Americans in this country and the ways that trauma is carried in the body and can be healed.