

## DIVERSITY BIBLIOGRAPHY

Beginner's Guide to Crossing Cultures, by Patty Lane (InterVarsity Press)

The author shows us how to develop hands-on relational skills that help build cross-cultural friendships and provides practical resources for navigating multicultural environments with sensitivity. This resource deals with misunderstood aspects of culture, demystifies stereotypes and offers ways to resolve cross-cultural conflicts through the use of stories of real-life situations.

Being White, Finding Our Place in a Multi-Ethnic World, by Paula Harris and Doug Schaupp (InterVarsity Press, 2004)

In this groundbreaking book, Paula Harris and Doug Schaupp present a Christian model of what it means to be white. They wrestle through the history of how those in the majority have oppressed minority cultures, but they also show that whites have their own cultural and ethnic identity with its own distinctive traits and contributions. They demonstrate that white people have a key role to play in the work of racial reconciliation and the forging of a more just society. (*Amazon.com review*)

Beyond Black and White: Reflections on Racial Reconciliation, by George A. Yancey (Baker)

Offers practical avenues for replacing the facade of false harmony with true oneness in Christ.

Building Bridges: A Handbook for Cross-Cultural Ministry, by Kathryn Choy-Wong (Judson Press)

This handbook is a beginning point for persons in local churches who desire to relate to one another cross-culturally within a congregation, among sister congregations, or in the larger community of diverse peoples. It is a valuable resource for building multicultural ministries and provides tools for increasing mutual understanding.

The Bush was Blazing but Not Consumed, by Eric H. F. Law (Chalice Press)

Using Exodus 3 as a theological starting point, the author provides practical guidelines for increasing understanding and sensitivity related to multiculturalism, enabling the building of multicultural communities.

The Color of Us, by Karen Katz (Henry Holt and Company)

Through the eyes of a little 7-year-old girl who begins to see her familiar world in a new way, this book celebrates the differences and similarities that connect all people.

The Color of Water, A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother, by James McBride (Riverhead Books, New York)

This is the story of a rabbi's daughter, born in Poland and raised in the South, who fled to Harlem, married a Black man, founded a Baptist church, and put twelve children through college. The Color of Water is James McBride's tribute to his remarkable, eccentric, determined mother - and an eloquent exploration of what family really means. (*taken from back cover of book*)

Coming Together: The Bible's Message in an Age of Diversity, by Curtiss Paul De Young (Christianity and Justice Ser.)

Building on the insights of scholars from the major cultural and racial groups around the world, the author explores the cultural diversity found within the pages of the Bible (e.g., racism, sexism, and classism).

Cross-cultural Connections, by Duane Elmer (InterVarsity Press)

Elmer provides the reader with practical exercises, real-life illustrations, and other valuable tools to assist one in navigating through different cultures and build meaningful cross-culture relationships.

Crossing Cultures, a Beginner's Guide, by Patty Lane (InterVarsity Press)

The author attempts to answer difficult questions related to the challenge of building relationships in communities that are rapidly changing culturally and ethnically. She provides practical resources for finding our way through multicultural environments with sensitivity and understanding.

Dismantling Racism: The Continuing Challenge to White America, by Joseph Barndt (Augsburg Fortress)

The author focuses on the task of dismantling racism, how we can work to bring it to an end and build a racially just, multiracial, multicultural society. This book calls us to begin our next assault on the demonic evil of racism.

Diverse Worship, by Pedrito U. Maynard-Reid (IVP)

The author explores the multiethnic dimensions of worship by looking at three specific cultural contexts for worship—African-American, Caribbean and Hispanic. After surveying worship and culture through history, the author devotes a section to each of these three cultural contexts. In each section we gain new perspective on what it means to worship God.

Divided by Faith, by Michael O. Emerson and Christian Smith (Oxford University Press)

Based on their own research, the authors argue that evangelicals have a theological world view that makes it difficult for them to perceive systematic injustices in society. As a result, many well-meaning strategies for healing racial divisions (such as cross-cultural friendships) carry within them the seeds of their own defeat. The book also includes a concise history of evangelical thought about race from colonial times to the civil rights movement.

Doing Justice: Congregations and Community Organizing, by Dennis A. Jacobsen (Augsburg Fortress)  
ISBN 0-8006-3244-3

An introductory theology of congregation-based community organizing rooted in day-to-day struggles and hopes of urban ministry and in the author's 14 years of personal experience in community organizing ministers. Doing Justice opens new vistas for community action in support of the poor, disadvantaged, and disenfranchised of our society.

Embracing Diversity: Leadership in Multicultural Congregations, by Charles R. Foster (Alban Institute)

Explore a variety of approaches congregations have taken to embrace multicultural differences. Identify leadership issues created by the presence of diversity in congregations. Discover programmatic suggestions drawn from the experience of multicultural congregations.

Enter the River: Healing Steps from White Privilege Toward Racial Reconciliation, by Jody Miller Shearer (Herald Press)

After asking, "Why be concerned about racism?" Shearer explores definitions of prejudice and racism, the different effects of racism on white persons and people of color, affirmative action, and many other issues. The accessible presentation provides a strong foundation for study and action.

Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965, by Juan Williams (Penguin Books)

This is a companion volume to the PBS Television Series of the same name. The author gives a moving account, highlighted with photos, of the first decade of the civil rights movement, providing reminders of those who took part in the fight for justice - both black and white.

40 Ways to Raise a Nonracist Child, by Barbara Mathias and Mary Ann French (Harper)

Ultimately, the only way to rid our society of the evil of racism is to teach our children that color is not an indication of a person's worth.

Grandpa, is Everything Black Bad?, by Sandy Lynne Holman (The Culture Co-op)

This children's book is a special story about a unique relationship between the old and the young. It helps children to know and the rest of us to remember that God didn't create children dumb or hateful or insecure or bad, and that everything black is not bad.

Good News About Injustice, by Gary Haugen (IVP)

The good news about injustice is that God is against it. God is in the business of using the unlikely to perform the holy, and the author shares stories of courageous witnesses past and present. He offers concrete guidance on the ways and means individuals can rise up to seek justice throughout the world. Study Guide (4 sessions) and video are also available.

The Gospel in Black & White, by Dennis Okholm (IVP)

This collection of essays considers how rigorous theological work can contribute to racial reconciliation.

Hand in Hand: Helping Children Celebrate Diversity, by Ella Campbell, et. al. (CRC Publications and Reformed Church Press) ISBN 1-56212-260-6

Help stop prejudice and racism by teaching children to celebrate diversity. This unique course for children in grades 3-6 offers a wide array of learning activities: cross-cultural dialogue, drama, music, off-site options, computer exploration, Bible stories, and culture-based stories. Use this material as a stand-alone course or as a resource book to add a multicultural dimension to any classroom. Can also be adapted for VBS. Sessions focus on:

- living together in harmony in God's world
- recognizing and affirming diversity
- dealing with disagreements
- committing to unity
- celebrating diversity and community

He's My Brother, by John Perkins and Thomas A. Tarrants, III (Chosen Books)

A black man brutalized by white racists and a former white leader in the Ku Klux Klan tell their stories and call for Christian reconciliation across cultural boundaries.

I'm Like You, You're Like Me: A Child's Book About Understanding and Celebrating Each Other, by Cindy Gainer (Free Spirit Publishing)

A gently introduction to tolerance and diversity for the very young, this book invites children to notice, accept, and affirm individual differences. Explores important topics like listening, understanding, feelings, kindness, friendship, and cooperation in basic terms for young children.

Let the Walls Fall Down, by Phillip Porter (Creation House)

The author shows you how to prevent prejudice from separating you from other believers, whether you're Black or white, Pentecostal or Baptist, rich or poor.

More Than Equals, by Perkins and Rice (IVP)

After growing up in two different worlds, the authors were brought together by God to become friends and partners in the difficult ministry of racial reconciliation. From their experience, they offer hope that whites and African-Americans can live together in peace. This revised edition includes a new introduction, new afterward, a new study guide, and a new chapter by Perkins, "Playing the Grace of God."

Multicultural Religious Education, edited by Barbara Wilkerson (Religious Education Press) ISBN 0-89135-101-9

The guiding principle of this book is that religious education which is authentically Christian must be as wide as the arms of Christ and embrace with equal warmth persons of every ethnic and cultural group. In keeping with this inclusiveness, the volume avoids identification with any specific political agenda or ideological viewpoint.

My First White Friend, by Patricia Raybon (Penguin)

Newspaper columnist, writer and NPR commentator Patricia Raybon admits that she hated whites for years. Eventually, she found an alternative: forgiveness. The first part of the book is a series of essays on the life experiences of herself and her father, and the racial history of the country; it ends with "Letter to My First White Friend," a grateful acknowledgment of a white girl at her mostly white high school. In part two of the book, further essays explore the process of moving beyond hate, and the new world it has opened up for Raybon.

Reconciliation: Our Greatest Challenge—Our Only Hope, by Curtiss Paul DeYoung (Judson Press)

DeYoung considers reconciliation in its broadest sense and illustrates practical approaches concerning gender, culture, class, and nationalism.

Separate No More, by Norman Anthony Peart (Baker)

Through this book, you will be encouraged to actively participate in the ministry of racial reconciliation and to lead your local church in pursuing the goal of being separate no more.

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race, by Beverly Daniel Tatum. (Basic Books; 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition)

The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb: Spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community, by Eric H.F. Law (Chalice Press)

Using a combination of theology and cultural anthropology, the author, a Chinese-American, explores why certain cultures—most notably whites of Northern European origin—tend, consciously or unconsciously, to dominate in multicultural situations, driving those of other races and ethnic groups to silent rage or outright rebellion. Only through conscious effort and great faith can the wolves and the lambs of the world really dwell together in peace.

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