

Assembly Mennonite Church Resources on Reparations

May 2022

BOOKS

Augustine, Sarah. The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery, 2021, 245 pages.

Baptist, Edward E. The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism, 2014, 498 pages.

Baradaran, Mehrsa. The Color of Money: Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap, 2017, 371 pages.

Coates, Ta-Nahisi. We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy, 2017, 400 pages.

Darity, William and Kirsten Mullen. From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century, 2020, 416 pages.

Dyson, Michael Eric. Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America, 2017, 228 pages.

Hannah-Jones, Nikole, Caitlin Roper, Ilena Silverman, and Jake Silverman, Editors. The 1619 Project, 2021, 590 pages.

Kendi, Ibram X. How to Be an Antiracist, 2019, 305 pages.

Kendi, Ibram X. Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America, 2016, 582 pages.

Kwon, Duke and Gregory Thompson. Reparations: A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair. 2021, 210 pages.

Richardson, Heather Cox. How the South Won the Civil War: Oligarchy, Democracy, and the Continuing Fight for the Soul of America, 2020, 272 pages.

Rothstein, Richard. The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America, 2017, 342 pages.

Whitehead, Colson. The Underground Railroad, 2016, 320 pages. (a novel)

Wilkerson, Isabel. Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents, 2020, 476 pages.

Wilkerson, Isabel. The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration, 2010, 622 pages.

VIDEOS

Restitution in Church Budgets. Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ljMaj3KK_A&t=6169s

Housing Discrimination: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO), July 26, 2021, 32 minutes John Oliver segment;
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0J49_9lwc&t=1206s

Jeffrey Robinson, Civil Rights Lawyer & Executive Director of *The Who We Are Project* addressing Reparations for African Americans. Sept 14, 2021, 13:36 minutes [Jeffrey Robinson - Yom Kippur - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCeT4x3mg1g); <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCeT4x3mg1g>

Richard Rothstein presentation about his book, The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America.
<https://www.reinvestmentalliance.org/summit21/>

Richard Rothstein's own video and website on topics from The Color of Law.
<https://www.segregatedbydesign.com/>

William Darity and Kirsten Mullen, the authors of From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century talk about the theme of their book.
<https://www.ncrc.org/from-here-to-equality-reparations-for-black-americans-in-the-21st-century/>, September 9, 2020.

Adam Ruins Everything. Racist federal housing policy, current and past; uses a game called Settlers of the Suburbs to make the points.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e68CoE70Mk8>

ARTICLES

Asante-Muhammad, Dedrick and Joshua Devine. Closing The Racial Wealth Divide: A Plan To Boost Black Homeownership, September 30, 2021 [Closing the Racial Wealth Divide: A Plan to Boost Black Homeownership » NCRC](https://www.ncrc.org/closing-the-racial-wealth-divide-a-plan-to-boost-black-homeownership-ncrc)

Brooks, David, "[The Case for Reparations](#): a slow convert to the cause," New York Times (May 7, 2019)

Brown Douglas, Kelly, "[A Christian Call for Reparations](#)," Sojourners (July 2020)

Coats, Ta-Nehisi, "[The Case for Reparations](#)," The Atlantic (June 2014)

Hannah-Jones, Nikole, "[What is Owed](#)," New York Times Magazine (June 28, 2020)

Ray, Rashawn and Perry, Andre, "[Why we need reparations for Black Americans](#)," The Brookings Institution (April 15, 2020)

Schlimm, Matthew, [Saving the Egyptians](#), *Christian Century* (January 12, 2022).

Shelly, Karl, [History of the Assembly Two-Percent Fund](#), May 2022

Shelly, Karl, [Theft. Reparations and the Bible](#), Assembly Mennonite Church sermon (February 20, 2022)

WEBSITES

[Land Acknowledgement Resources](#) - 8th Street Mennonite Church

[Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center](#)

MAPS

[MapMaker: Redlining in the United States | National Geographic Society](#). Redlining maps created in the 1930s depicting the government classification of neighborhoods as "best," "still desirable," "definitely declining," and "hazardous," which impacted available government-insured financing. Redlining was/is a racially discriminatory and, now, illegal practice of devaluing homes in racially mixed or neighborhoods with few or no white residents. It impacted homeownership and its impacts can still be seen today.

Redlining and Neighborhood Health: maps and data for 140 US cities comparing 1930s redlining maps with recent social vulnerability maps. <https://ncrc.org/holc-health/>. or <https://dsl.richmond.edu/socialvulnerability/>

Redlining and Neighborhood Health: Recording of workshop at NCRC's Just Economy Conference, October 20, 2020

<https://ncrc.org/just-economy-session-redlining-and-neighborhood-health/>. Historic redlining continues to negatively impact low-income and minority communities today. How does that legacy of structural racism impact population health and COVID-19 vulnerability?

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