This summer, police violence against Black bodies sparked protests across the US, Canada, and the world and reminded us about the importance of ongoing anti-racist work in our communities. At Stirling, Missions Peace and Justice responded by drafting a <u>statement of solidarity</u> on behalf of our church community. This statement includes a commitment to dialogue about privilege and to step up and do the work to be allies to our Black neighbours and others who are disproportionately affected by systemic injustice and systemic violence.

This fall our church community will spend some weeks grappling with conversations around racism, whiteness, and our own place in these narratives and committing to ongoing anti-racist learning and action. To prepare for this conversation, you are invited to engage with some resources on racism and anti-racist work in our world today.

Some suggested places to start: (check out one, a few, or as many as you feel called to engage with)

Videos:

Have Less than 20 minutes ?

- What is privilege?
- <u>Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man</u> - Emmanuel Acho
- What does my headscarf mean to you?
 Yassmin Abdel-Magied
- <u>Challenging Systemic Barriers: The Equity Lens</u>
 - Wellbeing Waterloo Region

An hour or more?

- MacLean's live with panel of black Canadian writers

 hosted by Desmond Cole
- <u>The Next Question: Conversation on the Real Topics of</u> <u>Race and Justice</u>
- MCC documentary: Reserve 107

Podcasts: listen while you go for a walk or drive to work/school

- On Being: "Notice the Rage; Notice the Silence' Krista Tippett with Resmaa Menakem
- Colour Code: A podcast about race in Canada Global and Mail
- I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness Brené Brown with Austin Channing Brown
- How to Be an Antiracist Brené with Ibram X. Kendi
- <u>Talking Race With Young Children</u> NPR '
- <u>The 'Looting' of America</u> Media Indigena

Articles: take a few minutes to read with your coffee or breakfast

- Why I Stopped Talking About Racial Reconciliation and Started Talking About White Supremacy_ Erna Kim Hackett
- Anti-racism includes unlearning the histories of the land Marlene Epp
- <u>Confronting the fear of our history</u> Charity Nonkes
- <u>Cracks in the criminal justice system & the road of reconciliation</u> Charity Nonkes

Books: for those interested in adding to their reading list

- <u>The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power</u>
 Novels
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 Desmond Cole
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- White Fragility: Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism – Robin DiAngelo
- How to be an Anti-Racist Ibram X. Kendi
- <u>Trouble I've Seen</u> Drew Hart

Additional resource lists:

- <u>Credence and Co. Racism Resource List</u>
- MCC Resources of Anti-Racism Education

• <u>Brother</u> – David Chariandy

- <u>Emancipation Day</u> Wayne Grady
- Black Berry, Sweet Juice Lawrence Hill
- <u>The Hate U Give</u> Angie Thomas