



Reconciliation is the journey of joining Jesus in restoring broken relationships and systems through truth-telling, repentance, and forgiveness to reveal God's kingdom.

This journey is communal and individual. We believe that there are different mediums for learning and participating and encourage you to choose your next steps. We invite you to participate as an individual, family, or small group, knowing this work will impact our life together and with our neighbors as we live into God's present and coming Kingdom.

Sample routes are listed below, but lean into the Holy Spirit's prompting for what your next step is.

SAMPLE ROUTES

- **FORMATION IN COMMUNITY**

- **Experience:** [Get connected](#) to Bethany's Ministry of Racial Justice and Reconciliation. Let us know your name and location and we will connect with you! [Subscribe](#) to the MRJR monthly newsletter.
- **Book:** *The Deeply Formed Life: Five Transformative Values to Root Us in the Way of Jesus*, Rich Villodas

- **BIPOC SPACES**

- **Experience:** Join the BIPOC Meet & Greet on December 11. The BIPOC Meet and Greet is a quarterly BIPOC-hosted space to welcome individuals and families of color and provide opportunities to get to know

one another across Bethany's locations. We'll connect over food and conversation, and kids are welcome to join! [Learn more](#) about BIPOC spaces at Bethany and register [here](#).

- **Book:** *This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories That Make Us*, Cole Arthur Bailey, curator of [Black Liturgies](#).

- **ENGAGE WHERE YOU ARE: SEATTLE**

- **Experiences:** Explore "[Segregated Seattle](#)" from the Seattle Civil Rights & Labor History Project (University of Washington). Watch "[Seattle on the Line: Examining the History and Contemporary Impact of Redlining](#)" (1:20:11) from the Northwest African American Museum and Seattle Channel.
- **Book:** *Race and Place: How Urban Geography Shapes the Journey to Reconciliation*, David Leong

- **ENGAGE WHERE YOU ARE: THE DUWAMISH**

- **Experience:** Visit the [Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center](#) in West Seattle. Cross the street to [həʔapus Village Park and Shoreline Habitat](#), an important cultural site on the last remaining original bend of the Duwamish River. Use the [Duwamish Prayer Walk Guide](#) to participate in intercessory prayer for the Duwamish. Guide yourself through the [Indigenous Walking Tour](#) on the University of Washington campus.
- **Book:** *Rescuing the Gospel from the Cowboys: A Native American Expression of the Jesus Way*, Richard Twiss

- **ACTIVATION**

- **Experience:** Participate in a December 11 interactive online workshop about restorative conversations and building bridges of trust, led by Ted Lewis of [Restorative Church](#). Learn more and register at <https://churchbcc.org/registration/restorativejustice>.
- **Book:** *How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice*, Jemar Tisby

ADDITIONAL BOOKS & EXPERIENCES

Below you can find additional books and experiences for our journey together, as well as explore a route for your journey. This is a working list, so check back for new updates along the way.

BOOKS

RACIAL JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION, AND FAITH FORMATION

- *Re-discipling the White Church: From Cheap Diversity to True Solidarity*, David Swanson
- *White Awake: An Honest Look at What It Means to Be White*, Daniel Hill
- *Prophetic Lament: A Call For Justice in Troubled Times*, Soong-Chan Rah
- *Subversive Witness: Scripture's Call to Leverage Privilege*, Dominique Giliard
- *Roadmap to Reconciliation 2.0: Moving Communities Into Unity, Wholeness and Justice*, Brenda Salter McNeil
- *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*, Latasha Morrison
- *Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope*, Esau McCaulley
- *Acts: A Theological Commentary on the Bible*, Willie James Jennings
- *Reading from the Margins*, Miguel De La Torre
- *Strength to Love*, Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE IMPACT OF RACISM

- *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*, Mark Charles & Soong-Chan Rah
- *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*, Jemar Tisby
- *Healing Racial Trauma: The Road to Resilience*, Sheila Wise Rowe
- *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*, Beverly Daniel Tatum
- *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, Richard Rothstein

- *Seattle in Black and White: The Congress of Racial Equality and the Fight for Equal Opportunity*, Adams, Valentine, Durning & Singler

EXPERIENCES

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, LEARN, AND SERVE

- Connect with [Bethany's local partners](#): Aurora Commons, Lahai Health, World Relief Seattle, Youthwise Mentoring, Olive Crest, Urban Impact.
- Connect with [Bethany's local outreach partners](#): School Partnerships, Guest House, Food Bank, Adoption & Foster Care.
- Visit Seattle's [Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience](#).
- Visit the [Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial](#).
- Engage the Northwest African American Museum's [online offerings](#).