



# FAMILY MINISTRIES

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Our world, nation and cities have been shaken to the core. It is an ultimate eruption of racism, violence and unethically in every way that we find ourselves in.

I stand with my brothers and sisters who just by the color of their skin have been wronged time and time again. It is not right and I will not stand for the injustices that they have endured.

It is with a somber heart that I'd like to share some words, that I hope bring some light in the depths of this time.

As a pastor and brother in Christ who fought for justice Martin Luther King Jr. said,

*"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word".*

I believe that we will see a day where there is more peace in the world. Where brothers and sisters of color can be seen,

heard, and accepted for who they are and not the color of their skin. I dream of a day when God's love will prevail and the hope of Jesus will forever guide us.

Would you join me and Bethany Community Church as we pray for peace? We pray for our nation, cities that have been struck with this culture of racism for centuries.

Below you will find some resources that may be helpful to you and your family.

I encourage you to talk to your kids about race now. Let's not wait until they have lived through more black lives taken and more outbreaks of violence. The time is now to unite and support our brothers and sisters. It is our responsibility to act justly and fight for all whom God has created.

Blessings,

Kristen

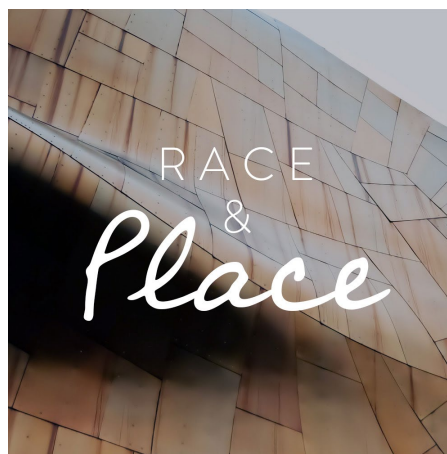
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## **Books and Resources on Race**

**Diverse & Inclusive Board:  
Books for Infants &  
Preschoolers**

**41 Children's Books to Support  
Conversations on Race,  
Racism, and Resistance**



### **Race, Place, & Social Distancing**

How can we come together to heal wounds of racial strife when we are so distant from one another? Linking race and place requires us to live, work, and worship more intentionally and the church desperately needs more creativity to imagine reconciliation in our broken world. At this online event

Podcast: How to Talk to Your  
Children About Racism

Book: So You Want to Talk  
About Race, by Ijeoma Oluo

(rescheduled from March), we will hear  
an address from Dr. David Leong (Seattle  
Pacific University), and engage in Q&A from  
a panel, including Dr. Leong and leaders from  
our Ministry of Racial Justice and  
Reconciliation.

Save the Date

**Sunday Service | June 7 • 9:30am • Zoom**

Worship online with us this Sunday at 9:30am. Access the link to join, [HERE!](#)

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