

RESOURCES FOR DISCUSSING CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

Considerations for clergy:

1. Who are your primary resources for sermon preparation? Who are the theologians of color whom you use regularly? Who are the women, LGBT thinkers and writers whom you consult? How do you incorporate their perspectives in your preaching and teaching? How conscious are you of sharing their names with your congregation as resources?
2. What diverse images do you bring into your congregation? When you invite a guest preacher, how frequently do you invite minority voices and faces?
3. Consider having an adult forum on racial microaggressions – Think how these statements can lead to a breakdown in communications and trust with friends and colleagues of color, and can lead to what happened in Charlottesville this past weekend. What are more helpful ways to have meaningful conversation to move us forward? What are other statements we've heard which can be added to this list?

- "I'm not a racist; I'm from the North."

- "I'm not racist; I never owned slaves and neither did my ancestors."

- "We're all a little bit racist."

- "Please don't talk about race (or gender)."

- "I feel triggered when you mention 'white privilege' or 'white supremacy'".

- "Let's just talk about happy stuff; I don't like unhappy thoughts."

- "You hate white people!"

- "You are so angry. I thought you were a good person but you keep mentioning racism."

4. Have an open forum with parents and mentors of teens about the recruitment and radicalization of boys and young men by white supremacist groups in suburbs, small towns, rural communities. Bring in educators and other resource persons. Learn how to look for signs and symbols, how to confront and intervene.

Books/films

Irving, Debby. Waking Up White. Elephant Room Press. 2014.

American History X (Caution: graphic violence). New Line Cinema. 1998

Resources:

Chalkbeat Colorado. 5 key anti-racism resources for teachers, courtesy of

#CharlottesvilleCurriculum. <https://www.chalkbeat.org/posts/us/2017/08/14/5-key-anti-racism-resources-for-teachers-courtesy-of-charlottesvillecurriculum/>

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. ELCA commitment to confronting racism and anti-Semitism. 8/15/2017 <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7896>

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. European American Lutheran Association. <https://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Ethnic-Specific-and-Multicultural-Ministries/European-American>

Also: www.crossculturalchurch.org or www.elca-eala.org

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Racial Justice Resources (*One Body, Many Members, Troubling the Waters, Breaking the Bonds, Lazarus at the Gate, etc.*).

<http://www.elca.org/Resources/Racial-Justice>

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Social Statement: *Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture*. 1992. <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Race-Ethnicity-and-Culture>

The Faith Matters Network. Resources & Support For Healing In The Wake of Charlottesville. 2017.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/595e51dbd1758e528030285b/t/59920dbe37c58131e75f5679/1502743999597/Resources+and+Support+for+Healing+in+the+Wake+of+Charlottesville.pdf>

National Public Radio. Resources For Educators To Use In The Wake Of Charlottesville.

<http://www.npr.org/2017/08/14/543390148/resources-for-educators-to-use-the-wake-of-charlottesville>

Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ). Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ShowingUpForRacialJusticesurj/>

Website: <http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org/>

Events:

Ministers' March for Justice, August 28, 2017, Washington, DC. <http://us11.campaign-archive1.com/?u=d828d236a59abd126f39382eb&id=88b60e5ecc>

Articles online:

Smith, Laura. The Truth About White Women and White Supremacy.

<https://www.thecut.com/2017/08/charlottesville-attack-women-white-supremacy.html>

Southern Poverty Law Center. Flags and Other Symbols Used By Far-Right Groups in Charlottesville.

<https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2017/08/12/flags-and-other-symbols-used-far-right-groups-charlottesville>

Southern Poverty Law Center.

Whose Heritage? Public Symbols of the Confederacy.

<https://www.splcenter.org/20160421/whose-heritage-public-symbols-confederacy>

Southern Poverty Law Center. Ten Ways to Fight Hate: A Community Response Guide.

<https://www.splcenter.org/20170814/ten-ways-fight-hate-community-response-guide>