

PEVA Peacemaking 16 day race equity challenge
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We invite all to participate in this challenge, either individually or with a partner or small group. Please see the PEVA website for details about signing up to participate (virtually) in discussion about the challenge (you don't have to sign up to participate!).

Every day that you watch, listen, or read, please think about these questions. We encourage you to write or record your thoughts in a journal or share them with your challenge partner(s).

1. What surprised you the most?
2. What did you learn about others and yourself?
3. How can you act on this to better love God and love other people?

Self-examination

Day 1: Try the Harvard (and other universities) Project Implicit Bias Test; a link to the test is in the article, which has good explanations of terms such as *bias* and *prejudice*. Like many tests developed by college psych departments, it's difficult to figure out where the test is going, and it may make you uncomfortable, but the end results are eye-opening. Please note that you do not have to enter an email or personal info to participate.

<https://www.tolerance.org/professional-development/test-yourself-for-hidden-bias>

Day 2-5: Watch this short video about awareness:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ahg6qcgoay4>. Take some time to observe and think about these questions (from Myers Park PC's 21 day challenge), and write your answers in a journal, or share with your challenge partner(s):

- Who is and is not represented in ads?
- What are the last five books you read? What is the racial mix of the authors?
- What is the racial mix of the main characters in your favorite TV shows? Movies?
- Who is filling what kinds of jobs/social roles in your world? Can you correlate any of this to racial identity?

Education:

Day 6: Read this post from the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/historical-foundations-race>

Day 7: Watch the Racism is Real short video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTcSVQJ2h8g&feature=emb_logo

Day 8: Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETR9qrVS17g> *The Disturbing History of the Suburbs*, an “Adam Ruins Everything” episode that quickly and humorously educates how redlining came to be. (6 minutes)

Day 9: Watch “The Danger of a Single Story” TED talk (18 min.)
https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story?language=en

Day 10: Read “10 Ways Well-Meaning White Teachers Bring Racism into Our School” (Article)
<https://everydayfeminism.com/2015/08/10-ways-well-meaning-white-teachers-bring-racism-into-our-schools/>

The church--confession and response:

Day 11: Read and reflect on the Belhar confession:
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/belhar-confession/>

Day 12: Read about the PCUSA’s Matthew 25 initiative:
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism/>

Day 13: Read about the process to create the 224th GA’s recommendation responding to the sin of racism:
<https://pres-outlook.org/2020/06/pcusa-general-assembly-affirms-that-black-lives-matter-pledges-to-work-against-systemic-racism/>

Local voices:

Day 14: Watch or listen to this conversation between pastors Jim Wood and Antipas Harris:
<https://www.facebook.com/drantipas/videos/262031268337427> (60 min.)

Day 15: Listen to local radio personality Barbara Hamm Lee interview Antipas Harris about his new book, *Is Christianity the white man’s religion?*:
<https://mediaplayer.whro.org/program/anotherview/e/anotherview-thursday-june-11th-2020> (54 min.)

Day 16: Watch and listen to this conversation between pastor Alex Creager and Sharon Wood-Dunn
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QK8fFjZk7cY&t=10s> (26 min.)