

Task Force members will be reviewing 3-5 books bi-monthly (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) in the newsletter. The books will be selected from the comprehensive list (currently 23 books) found under the Suggested Book List on this page.

The next selection of books are:

1. It's the Little Things: Everyday interactions that Anger, Annoy, and Divide the Races, Lena Williams, 2000, nonfiction, 304 pp.

The book is a New York Times journalist's view of racial interactions in schools, home, workplace, etc., mostly from her own and her friends' experiences. It's all the more compelling because it was written 20 years ago and is unfortunately even more applicable today.

2. America's Original Sin, Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America, Jim Wallis, 2015, nonfiction, 272 pp.

The author offers a prophetic and deeply personal call to action in overcoming the racism so ingrained in American society. He speaks candidly to Christians – particularly white Christians – urging them to cross a new bridge toward racial justice and healing.

3. Jesus and the Disinherited, Howard Thurman, 1949, nonfiction, 112 pp.

The author interprets the teachings of Jesus through the experience of the oppressed and discusses nonviolent responses to oppression.

4. Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations about Race, Beverly Daniel Tatum, 1997 (updated 2017), nonfiction, 320 pp.

Dr. Tatum is President Emerita of Spellman College. This book has been well-updated and contains a very readable professor's documentation and discussion of racism in America – very comprehensive and informative.

5. Under Our Skin an online video series produced by The Seattle Times can be found at <https://projects.seattletimes.com/2016/under-our-skin/#>

This series of brief videos grew out of conversations between the staff at The Seattle Times about how they cover race when national and local events such as police shootings, the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement, protests, and charged campaign rhetoric dominate the headlines, as they do today, and the desire to probe the issues more deeply. The people who participated in this project are of diverse races and backgrounds. They share personal reflections and stories about the meanings of terms associated with race and racism such as racist, institutional racism, ally, micro aggression, and all lives matter.