SACRED GROUND
A FILM-BASED DIALOGUE SERIES ON RACE AND FAITH
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SESSION 1: STEPPING ONTO SACRED GROUND

To read beforehand
- Summary sheet: Becoming Beloved Community: The Episcopal Church’s Long-term Commitment to Racial Healing, Reconciliation and Justice
- “Getting Started” sections of Sacred Ground webpages: “Invitation & Introduction” and “Organizing a Dialogue Circle,” if not read already
- Column: “Black History Is Everyone’s History” by Leonard Pitts, Jr.
- Excerpt from essay: “Not Somewhere Else, But Here” by the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker

SESSION 2: THE ROOTS OF WHITENESS, AND DEEPER ROOTS

To watch beforehand or in the session
- Short video: The Myth of Race Debunked in 3 Minutes (3 min.)
- Short video: Decoded: Are Cracker, White Trash, & Redneck Racist? (5 min.)

To read beforehand
Note: There is more reading for this session because there is no full film to watch (just the two short videos above). These opening sessions are a time to lay some important foundations.
- Article: “Roots Deeper Than Whiteness” by David Dean
- Selections from book: White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo (15 assorted pages from paperback edition)
SESSION 3: WHOSE LAND? EXPLORING INDIGENOUS HISTORY

To watch beforehand or in the session
- PBS series: We Shall Remain, Episode I: “After the Mayflower” (77 min.)
- The Episcopal Church Exposes the Doctrine of Discovery (14 min.)

To read beforehand
- Audio story and article: “The Map of Native American Tribes You’ve Never Seen Before” by Hansi Lo Wang from NPR. Please look at Aaron Carapella’s map – the link is at the very bottom of the article – to see which Native tribes lived at the time of European conquest in the region where you live now.
- Article: “Unshackled by Visions and Values” by Martin Brokenleg
- Core book: Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman – Forward and Preface
- Core book: Waking Up White – Chapters 1, 4-6, and 30

SESSION 4: TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE AND SLAVERY: EXPLORING BLACK HISTORY

To watch beforehand or in the session
- Truth and Reconciliation Pilgrimage to Ghana, three short videos featuring Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, and Bishop Andrew Waldo (23 min. total, or as many as you have time for)

To read beforehand
- Essay: “White Man’s Guilt” by James Baldwin in Ebony magazine
- Core book: Jesus and the Disinherited – first part of Chapter 1 (up to paragraph that starts “In the face of these alternatives…,” on p. 17 of 1996 paperback edition)
- Core book: Waking Up White – Chapter 11
SESSION 5: WHOSE LAND? MORE LAYERS: EXPLORING LATINO HISTORY

To watch beforehand or in the session
- PBS series: *Latino Americans*, Episode 1: “Foreigners in Their Own Land” (53 min.)
- YouTube video: *Guns, Germs, and Steel: How Europeans Came to Dominate the World, in 7 Minutes*

To read beforehand
- Selection from book: *Ripe Fields: The Promise and Challenge of Latino Ministry* by Juan Oliver (pp. 5-18 from paperback edition)
- Op-ed: “Moving Beyond the Black-White Binary” by Roberto Lovato
- Reflection piece: “The Circle of Humanity” by Katrina Browne
- Core book: *Jesus and the Disinherited* – second part of Chapter 1 (from paragraph that starts “In the face of these alternatives…,” on p. 17 of 1996 paperback edition, to the end of the chapter)
- Core book: *Waking Up White* – Chapter 13

SESSION 6: AMERICANS, NOT FOREIGNERS: EXPLORING ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HISTORY

To watch beforehand or in the session
- PBS series: *Ancestors in the Americas*, Episode 2: “Chinese in the Frontier West” (61 min.)

To read beforehand
- Article: “The real reasons the U.S. became less racist toward Asian Americans” by Jeff Guo, in conversation with Ellen Wu about her book, *The Color of Success*
- Article: “Asian Americans speak out against a decades-old ‘model minority’ myth” by Yanan Wang
- Core book: *Jesus and the Disinherited* – first part of Chapter 2 (up to paragraph that starts “The crucial question, then, is this…,” on p. 36 of 1996 paperback edition)
- Core book: *Waking Up White* – Chapters 14 and 16

SESSION 7: SELECTIVE ACCESS TO THE MELTING POT AND THE AMERICAN DREAM: 1830S-1960S

To watch beforehand or in the session
- Documentary: *Slavery by Another Name* (in the interest of time you can just watch the first 32.5 minutes, or first 36.5 minutes for people who are prepared to view a graphic section on lynching)
- PBS series: *Race: The Power of an Illusion*, Episode 3: “The House We Live In” (56 min.)
To read beforehand
- Please review or research your family’s 19th- and 20th-century history in connection to the relevant racial history covered in this session’s films and readings
- Core book: Jesus and the Disinherited – second part of Chapter 2 (from paragraph that starts “The crucial question, then, is this…,” on p. 36 of 1996 paperback edition, to the end of the chapter)
- Core book: Waking Up White – Chapters 7, 17-18, and 23

SESSION 8: DIVISIONS IN PRESENT-DAY WHITE AMERICA

To watch beforehand or in the session
- America Inside Out with Katie Couric, Episode: “White Anxiety” (48 min.)

To read beforehand
- Article: “What So Many People Don’t Get About the U.S. Working Class” by Joan Williams
- Selections from book: Beyond the Messy Truth by Van Jones (13 assorted pages from the hardback edition)
- Core book: Jesus and the Disinherited – Chapter 3
- Core book: Waking Up White – first 3 pages of Chapter 35

SESSION 9: LEGACIES: RACISM’S LONG LIFE

To watch beforehand or in the session
- Healing Justice (66 min.)

To read beforehand
- Selection from book: Post-Traumatic Slave Syndrome by Joy DeGruy (pp. 8-10 of paperback edition)
- Article: “Ghosts of the Masters: Descendants of Slaveholders Reckon with History” by the Rev. David Pettee and Susan Hutchison
- Core book: Jesus and the Disinherited – Chapter 4
- Core book: Waking Up White – Chapters 26-27 and revisit p. 175
SESSION 10: BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY

To watch beforehand or in the session
- *Dawnland* (abridged, 54 min.)
- *Repairing the Breach: The Episcopal Church and Slavery Atonement* (31 min.)

To read beforehand
- Core book: *Jesus and the Disinherited* – Chapter 5