"I swear to the Lord I still can’t see why Democracy means everybody but me.”

- Langston Hughes

The conversation around anti-racism and racial healing, racial justice, and racial reconciliation is both personal and global. Frequently we need the words of others in order to form our own words describing our feelings and experiences of race in the United States and around the world. The Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network offers the following suggestions for book and video discussions.

"Sacred Ground," film- and reading-based dialogue series on Race and Faith, produced by The Episcopal Church and part of its "Becoming Beloved Community" resources.


Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America, by Michael Eric Dyson. (St. Martins, 2017).


The Summer 2019 issue of Connecticut Explored magazine has several articles pertinent to our work, including "How Segregation Happened in West Hartford", "The Federal Government and Redlining in Connecticut" and "No Day at the Beach" about segregated access to the shoreline. Connecticut Explored is a history magazine published quarterly (www.ctexplored.org).
There is an interesting project with a terrific website on the Ancient Burial Grounds in downtown Hartford. It is called "Uncovering Their History: African, African-American, and Native-American Burials in Hartford’s Ancient Burying Grounds, 1640-1815" and can be found at https://www.africannativeburialsct.org

The Center for Action and Contemplation has featured Black Women Mystics such as Jarena Lee and Dr. Barbara Holmes in its emails in July. Here is a link: https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations/2019/07/

Pilgrimage to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, November 16-17, 2019. For complete information click here: https://www.episcopalct.org/rhjrpilgrimages/

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) entered a “Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation” for a minimum of two years by vote of its Annual Convention in October 2018. Visit episcopalct.org/season-of-racial-healing-justice-and-reconciliation/ to read the enabling resolution and for resources, events, and more. ECCT’s Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network is helping to facilitate much of the resolution’s implementation. Contact the Rev. Rowena Kemp or Suzy Burke, co-conveners of the Ministry Network, at rowjkemp@gmail.com or suzy@alegriaimports.net.