

RECOMMENDED READING

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*Shared during “Beloved Community: Overcoming the Obstacle of Racism,”
an Intersection conversation hosted by the Siburt Institute for Church Ministry on June 16, 2020.*

BROAD PERSPECTIVE:

- *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander
- *From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation* by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor
- *Women, Race, and Class* by Angela Y. Davis (also her autobiography)

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE:

- *The Politics of Jesus: Rediscovering the True Revolutionary Nature of Jesus’ Teachings and How They Have Been Corrupted* by Obery M. Hendricks, Jr.

THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE:

- *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God* by Kelly Brown Douglass
- *The Problem of Christianity* by Josiah Royce
- Black theologians – Howard Thurman, James Cone, Anthony B. Pinn, Jacquelyn Grant, Delores Williams, Reggie Williams, Victor Anderson, Dwight N. Hopkins

SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE:

- *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?* by Martin Luther King, Jr. (pay attention to appendix)

CHURCH OF CHRIST PERSPECTIVE:

- *Shattering the Illusion: How African American Churches of Christ Moved from Segregation to Independence* by Wes Crawford
- *Reconciliation Reconsidered: Advancing the National Conversation on Race in Churches of Christ* edited by Tanya Smith Brice

Also, follow the [Carl Spain Center on Race Studies & Spiritual Action](#), which I believe is the first of its kind out of the Church of Christ. They are doing good work and have many events across the country helping churches work through this.



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