

Practical ideas for being Christ's Cup of new covenant, life, peace, reconciliation, righteousness, and love back in your community.

Book studies on resources like: "Faith and Ferguson" by Leah Gunning Francis; "Anatomy of Peace" by the Arbing Institute; "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander; "Many Faces One Church" A manual for Cross-Racial and Cross Cultural Ministry by Bishop Ernest S. Lyght, Glory W. Dharmaraj, Jacob S. Dharmaraj; Books by Eric H. F. Law, including but not limited to: "The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb" and "Inclusion: Making Room for Grace."

Practical resources and support for those seeking to engage and embrace cultural diversity can be found at

<http://www.gcorr.org/resources-search/>

Here are a few examples of what is available on the GCORR website.

From Talk About White Privilege to Action: Next Steps on the Anti-Racism Journey March 15, 2017

<http://www.gcorr.org/from-talk-about-white-privilege-to-action-next-steps-on-the-anti-racism-journey/>

Often times we have discussions about race and racism but fail to move from talking to action. This worksheet is designed to help you take the work you have already done and move it to action. This discussion guide involves group activity, and deals with the issues of equity, race and ethnicity, self-reflection, and white privilege.

Is Reverse Racism Really a "Thing?" February 11, 2017

<http://www.gcorr.org/is-reverse-racism-really-a-thing/>

A Small Group Video Resource, including discussion guide. Racism has been increasingly at the forefront of many conversations concerning issues within and outside the Church.

Living Into the Beloved Community: Making the Beloved Community Real February 1, 2017

<http://www.gcorr.org/living-into-the-beloved-community-making-the-beloved-community-real/>

Download this resources as a PDF. Often, we hear the term "beloved community," and seek to live into it without a firm grasp on how to do so. This resource involves group activity and addresses intercultural competency, multiculturalism, and vital conversations.

25 Traits of The Beloved Community February 1, 2017

<http://www.gcorr.org/25-traits-of-the-beloved-community/>

Roll Down, Justice! A Lenten Biblical Reflection January 31, 2017

<http://www.gcorr.org/roll-down-justice-a-lenten-biblical-reflection/>

10 Ways to Become More Faithful than Post-Racial January 20, 2017

<http://www.gcorr.org/10-ways-to-become-more-faithful-than-post-racial/>

The Intersectionality of Physical and Mental Disabilities and Race December 23, 2016

<http://www.gcorr.org/the-intersectionality-of-physical-and-mental-disabilities-and-race/>

Faced with a multitude of challenges including accessibility, economic and educational opportunities, social acceptance, and unrecognized or ignored abilities, individuals who are physically and mentally differently-abled are often excluded.

Baptism and Call to Justice December 22, 2016

<http://www.gcorr.org/baptism-and-call-to-justice/>

The United Methodist Church's Baptismal Covenant is bold! Our church has a long history of care and concern for those who are oppressed.

Listening in Diversity December 22, 2016

<http://www.gcorr.org/listening-in-diversity/>

Often, listening is confused with tolerance. Teaching people to be tolerant of persons who are different from them is not a helpful substitution for the authentic love and reconciliation.

Intergenerational Collaboration February 1, 2017

<http://www.gcorr.org/intergenerational-collaboration/>

Downloadable resource as a PDF. Many congregations have questions about how their church can create intergenerational collaborations.

Identity Politics and Social Location December 8, 2016

<http://www.gcorr.org/identity-politics-and-social-location/>

Our identity is more than our names, or where we live, or the group with which we associate. Identity is comprised of those characteristics, qualities, values, beliefs, morals, ethics, expressions.

And there are many more resources you can find on the GCORR web site. There are resources that can be used for churches of any size.

GCORR is building the capacity of The United Methodist Church to be contextually relevant and to reach more people, younger people, and more diverse people as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Additionally:

- You and members of your congregation can join the persons who will gather for the Bishop's Summit on Diversity and Inclusion October 6 – 7, 2017 at the Cedar Lakes Conference Center, Ripley, WV.
- Intentionally develop relationships with those in your community who are of a different culture or ethnicity in your community. It is amazing what can happen! Ecumenical and intercultural Prayer walks, feeding programs, book studies, bible studies, prayer services, community projects, and many more.
- Build networks with your schools, law enforcement, and first responders. Getting together and sharing appreciation and talking about concerns can lead to relationships that can both heal and inspire.