

AMERICA'S UNHOLY GHOSTS RESOURCES

Presbytery of East Iowa Resources:

Join the PEIA Anti-racism Facebook site: [PEIA Anti-Racism MSJT](#)

To receive updates from the Presbytery, [subscribe to our mailing list](#). We will announce book studies, future classes, and speakers available to all individuals throughout the Presbytery.

Save the Date! By participating in this series, you will be invited to July 16, 2021 online event PEIA-Racial Justice -Celebrate, Learn, Move-Forward including a Q and A session and Conversation with Co-Moderator of the General Assembly of the PCUSA- Elona Street Stewart

America's Unholy Ghosts Resources:

Film series site:

https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/film_series/americas-unholy-ghosts

[Purchase the Book](#). This link will take you to Semicolon Bookstore and Gallery, a Black woman-owned bookstore and gallery space.

Resources to speak up or give back:

Restorative Actions is a grass roots voluntary initiative for churches, individuals, mid-councils, and agencies of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as other ecumenical partners and interested organizations, to take a leadership stance in opposition to racism and racial privilege. <https://restorativeactions.org/>

Print this pocket card from the Southern Poverty Law Center. It offers advice about how to respond to racist remarks made by others.

https://www.learningforjustice.org/sites/default/files/general/speak_up_pocket_card_2up.pdf

Questions from the sessions/ Suggestion for further learning

Session 1: Trained to Forget and Perpetuating White Supremacy

- What made you answer the Spirit's call in your life to participate in this study?
- What memories were stirred in you as we watched the first intro film?
- What word, thought or phrase stuck out in your mind in Joel's second video?

Joel talks about the enlightenment philosophers shaped how we think. Hobbes taught that one of the government's primary jobs was creating and enforcing laws. How has this shaped our Nation in respect to race, class, and justice?

Joel shares that we are often taught what to believe about the Bible before we ever read it. Trace the roots to what you were taught to believe about God and the American dream. How are these teachings hurtful/helpful?

- [The Three Evils speech by MLK](#)
- Where do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community by MLK. [Link to purchase](#)
- [The Lovers of the Poor by Gwendolyn Brooks](#)

Session 2: Designing Scarcity and Creating a Racialized God

- How did the film impact your thinking about implicit race issues?
- What memories did the film invite you to revisit?
 - White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo. [Link to Purchase](#)
 - Podcast: [Intersectionality Matters! by Kimberlé Crenshaw](#)
 - Who Lynched Willie Earle: Preaching to Confront Racism [Link to Purchase](#)

Session 3: Rewriting the Rules

- How have you seen a morality of indifference play out in your context?
- How can you stand in solidarity with those who suffer?
 - [Letter from Birmingham Prison by MLK](#)
 - [The Lowest White Man, New York Times](#)
 - The Heart of Black Preaching by Cleophus James LaRue [Link to Purchase](#)

Session 4: Harmonizing Scripture with White Supremacy and Resurrecting Dignity

- We all have prejudices inherit and inherited. What are some you are noticing in yourself/others?
- What will it take to change? Specifically, what doesn't work? What has worked?
 - I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown. [Link to Purchase](#)
 - Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America. [Link to Purchase](#)
 - [NBCNews.com: Racism among white Christians is higher than among the nonreligious.That's no coincidence.](#)

Session 5: Faithful Response

- What do you think/feel about the 3 critical lies?
- Discuss action steps you may have thought about during our study. What is next for you?
 - How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi [Link to purchase](#)
 - Race and the Cosmos by Barbara Holmes [Link to purchase](#)
 - [TEDTALK: How to Overcome Our Biases? Walk Boldly Toward Them by Vernā Myers](#)