

Crossroads Faith Study
Cracking Open White Identity Towards Transformation

We have just completed an 8 session study exploring what it means to be a white person committing to racial justice and anti-racism.

There are 2 copies of the study guide we used, Cracking Open White Identity Towards Transformation, available to borrow from Carman United Church library. This resource published by *Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network* of the *Canadian Council of Churches* includes compelling articles, a great glossary of terms and a comprehensive bibliography. We encourage others to use this resource!

We also want to make you aware of some resources for further reading, reflection and study that we found interesting and helpful during the course of our study.

The following books are available at Boyne Regional Library and we encourage you to take a look!

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism
by Robin DiAngelo

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Okuo

Becoming by Michelle Obama

The Origin of Others by Toni Morrison (coming soon!)

The Black Prairie Archives: An Anthology by Karina Vernon (coming soon!)

This anthology collects letters, recipes, oral literature, autobiographies, rap, and poetry by writers who were both conscious and unconscious of themselves as black writers or as "prairie" people.

A Fair Country by John Ralston Saul

And some other books and resources that we discussed and would recommend, including many by Canadian and Indigenous writers and thinkers:

The Shoe Boy: A Trapline Memoir by Duncan McCue

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting in the Cafeteria Together?
by Beverly Daniel Tatum

The Skin We're In by Desmond Cole

An interesting quote from this book: "justice sounds like oppression to the privileged"
We also found a documentary version on CBC Gem, along with many other materials especially in February during Black History Month.

*This is a list of books that Carol & Don Brown, members of Graysville Mennonite Church, have to borrow. Contact them at (204) 435-2325 or doncarolb25@gmail.com to arrange to borrow any of these resources. The titles with a * are also available from Karen Tjaden or Carman United Church library (204) 745-6835*

Book Title	Author	
Unsettling The word	Steve Heinrichs	*
The Inconvenient Indian	Thomas King	*
Lifting Hearts Off The Ground	Lyla Johnston & Roy De Vito	
A Christian Response To First Nations Issues	Adrian Jacobs	
Quest For Respect	Intotemak special edition	*
Yours, Mine, Ours	Intotemak special edition	*
Wrongs To Rights	Intotemak special edition	*
April Raintree	Beatrice Culleton	*
The Foot Of The River	George Lalor	
By God's Grace	Henry & Elna Neufeld	
Breathing Life into the Stone Fort Treaty	Aimee Craft	*
From wooden Ploughs to Welfare	Helen Buckley	
Reclaiming Indigenous Voice And Vision	Marie Battiste	

Hungry For Life	Dave Blundell	
Buffalo Shouts, Salmon Cry	Steve Heinrichs	*
Broken Circle	Theodore Fontaine	*
Where White Men Fear to Tread	Russel Means	
Daughters of the Earth	Carolyn Niethammer	
Grey Owl the many faces of Archie Belaney	Jane Billingham	
Dancing With a Ghost	Rupert Ross	
Night spirits	Bussidor/ Bilgen Reinart	
Forty Years A Chief	George Barker	
For Our children our sacred beings	Anita L. Keith	
Rise Up	Anita L. Keith	
Half- Breed	Maria Campbell	
Reconciliation & The Way Forward Fryer	Shelagh Rogers, Mike Degagne, Glen Lowry, Sara	
Whiteman's Gospel	Craig Stephen Smith	
One church Many Tribes	Richard Twiss	

And these additional titles available from Karen Tjaden (204) 745-6835

<u>All Our Relations: Finding the Path Forward</u>	Tanya Talaga
<u>The Comeback</u>	John Ralston Saul
<u>21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act: Helping Canadians Make Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a Reality</u>	Bob Joseph
<u>Black Water: Family, Legacy and Blood Memory</u>	David A. Robertson

Contact Karen Tjaden for further conversation and to suggest other resources and topics for future faith studies!