

**Resources for Congregational Engagement:**

# **Racism and the Church**

**Article:** *Living Lutheran: My Story* by The Rev. Tiffany Chaney

*Summary: ELCA Pastor Tiffany Chaney reflects on her experience as a person of color in our church and how “One of the toughest things [she’s] ever tried to be is both Black and Lutheran.”*

- Article: <https://revtffc.wordpress.com/2015/11/07/living-lutheran-my-story/>
- Discussion guide from the Anti-Racism Committee:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/a0qv6vyhjoj1470/Pastor%20Tiffany%20Chaney%20Article%20Discussion%20Questions.docx?dl=0>

**Book:** *Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation* by Jennifer Harvey

*Summary: In this provocative book Jennifer Harvey argues for a radical shift in how justice-committed white Christians think about race. She calls for moving away from the reconciliation paradigm that currently dominates interracial relations and embracing instead a reparations paradigm.*

- Book: Available online and in local bookstores and libraries
- Discussion Guide:  
<http://stillspeakingjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/Dear-White-Christians-Study-Guide.pdf>

**Video:** *Do Black Churches Matter in the ELCA - Part 1* (19 min)

*Summary: This short film is the first in a two-part series exploring the question, “Do black churches matter in the ELCA?” It is co-directed by Pastor Lenny Duncan of Jehu’s Table in Brooklyn and Jason Chesnut of Ankos films, and deals with the historical and systemic conditions experienced by Black Lutheran churches in our denomination.*

- Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtD41cytL9Q&feature=youtu.be>
- Discussion Guide:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xQymwIS37bncMpgOVWzwhjUI7so14-tCG2y5\\_AX7wk8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xQymwIS37bncMpgOVWzwhjUI7so14-tCG2y5_AX7wk8/edit?usp=sharing)

**Is your congregation responding to the Every Congregation challenge and planning a conversation on racism and the Church? Let the Anti-Racism Committee know by filling out this simple form: <https://forms.gle/Vc6aKHFSeZ3VUE6o8>**