RACIAL RECONCILIATION?

RACIAL UNITY

EMBRACING EACH OTHER?
WHAT DOES THE STORY OF JACOB AND ESAU HAVE TO TEACH US ABOUT HOW RACISM WORKS AND THE PROCESS OF WORKING TO DISMANTLE RACIST SYSTEMS?
JACOB & ESAU

This is a story about power and privileges:

Jacob is judged for his deceit but also celebrated for his cunning...
LIVING IN FEAR OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DISADVANTAGED
JACOB WRESTLES
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY MEET?
WHAT DOES WRESTLING WITH WHITENESS LOOK LIKE?
HOW DOES WHITENESS OPERATE?

Remember how Jacob was an expert at coming up with ways to get his way... Whiteness has been very resilient at re-exerting itself in our society.
DREAMS & LADDERS

THE LADDER

Community of Love and Resistance

Collective Action

Taking Responsibility / Self-Righteousness
white can do right / especially me

Open Up / Acknowledgement
Houston, we've got a problem

Guilt and Shame
white is not right / I'm bad

Denial and Defensiveness
I am not the problem

Be Like Me
we're all the same, you're the problem

What Are You?
first contact

I'm Normal
TAKING ACTION

“CALLING IN” VS. “CALLING OUT”

SPHERES OF INFLUENCE
INTERROGATE
ACCOUNTABILITY
EDUCATE
EDUCATE YOUR AWARENESS

1. *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander
2. *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein
3. *My Grandmother's Hands* by Resmaa Menakem
4. *Raising White Kids* by Jennifer Harvey
5. *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo
INTERROGATE YOUR THEOLOGY

THE CHRISTIAN IMAGINATION
THEOLOGY AND THE ORIGINS OF RACE
WILLIE JAMES JENNINGS

THE BLACK CHRIST
25th anniversary edition
Kelly Brown Douglas

THE CROSS AND THE LYNCHING TREE
JAMES H. CONE

STAND YOUR GROUND
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OUR LIVES MATTER
A Womanist Queer Theology
PAMELA R. LIGHTSEY
THE ONGOING LEGACY OF RACISM IN AMERICA…

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