

Belhar Resources GLAPCE 2017

BELHAR VIDEO - viewed in class

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/constitutional-services/belhar/>

Being Reformed - The Confession of Belhar

Cynthia Holder-Rich

Leaders and Participants Guide

Waking Up White - Debby Irving

Study guide and many resources on Debby's website

www.debbyirving.com

Teaching Tolerance - Southern Poverty Law Center

Magazine paper and digital at no charge to educators

Founded in 1991 to prevent the growth of hate

Videos, teaching tips, articles, webinars, book suggestions

PCUSA - Anti-racism home page - can subscribe to anti-racism progress

updates - delivered directly to email.

facing-racism.pcusa.org

Presbyterian's Today

Latest Issue - Facing Racism

Podcast - Cringe

Marc Van Bulck of Cringe interviewed J Herbert Nelson, Denise Anderson, Charles Wiley, and Amy Snow about the adoption of the Confession of Belhar to the *Book of Confessions*.

Lenten Reflections on the Confession of Belhar

Kerri N. Allen and Donald McKim, editors

47 Devotions, days of Lent plus Sundays

Reflections 1, 2, 23, 31, and 43 each introduces 1 of the 5 sections of Belhar.

Reflection 47 offers a summary of the whole confession

Belhar Confession

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Confession-of-Belhar-text-2016.pdf>

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Churchwide Anti-Racism Policy - Facing Racism (Approved by GA 2016)

History of racism
Racism today
Systemic racism
Dismantling racism

7 Fold Churchwide Strategy

including Congregations, Presbyteries, Educational Institutions,
Synods, GA, Ecumenical Partners, etc.

- task of dismantling racism must be a partnership
- process must begin with dialogue in congregations
- articulate a common vision of what can and ought to be
- centerpiece of an antiracism ministry is the congregation

(PMA must do the following - design a pre-school curriculum)

IN CLASS ACTIVITY
FIND PARTNER & DISCUSS

UNITY - Find examples of UNITY in the Confession of Belhar

What does Unity mean for us today? Do we understand it as central to following Jesus? How would you teach the theme of Unity and its centrality to Christ in your congregation?

RECONCILIATION - Find examples of RECONCILIATION in the Confession of Belhar.

The Confession of Belhar says that not believing in reconciliation equals not believing in the Gospel. Do you think this is true? Give examples of how you would respond to this statement in your congregations.

JUSTICE - Find examples of JUSTICE in the Confession of Belhar.

What questions of justice are on the table in your congregation? In your community? How could the Confession of Belhar guide you to respond to these questions of justice?

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**NOTES FROM A WORKSHOP I LED ON WAKING UP WHITE AT FPC NEENAH, WI

Debby Irving's website

www.debbyirving.com

Movies, books, videos, blog, websites, etc.

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Study Guide

https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/waking_up_white_study_english.pdf

Antiracist effort is NOT optional for Christians. It is an essential aspect of Christian discipleship, without which we fail to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Racism is the opposite of what God intends for humanity. It is the rejection of the other, which is entirely contrary to the Word of God incarnate in Jesus Christ. Racism is a lie about our fellow human beings, for it says that some are less than others. Because of our biblical understanding of who God is and what God intends for humanity, the PCUSA must stand against, speak against and work against racism.

*Systemic racism does not persist just because of the action of people of ill will. A contributing factor is the inaction of people of good will.

What is God calling you to do?

What is God calling First Presbyterian Church Neenah to do?