African American Resources
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**Purpose:** This subject guide was prepared for Black History Month, but the resources listed can be used any time to relate to the African American community. Resources are included if the content is written to an African American audience or about African American culture and history. General studies on racism and diversity are not included in this subject guide.

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### Subjects and Keywords

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**Subjects**

- Ethnic Ministry
- Multiculturalism

**Keywords**

- African American

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### Video Resources

**DVD131  Black Methodism: Legacy of Faith Revival**

A special anniversary DVD to help United Methodists celebrate the 40th anniversary of several related and pivotal events in the life and history of the church: the end of the racially segregated Central Jurisdiction in 1967; the founding of Black Methodists for Church Renewal in 1967; the birth through merger of The Methodist Church in 1968; the establishment of the General Commission on Religion and Race in 1968.

**DVD134  Following the Path: The Woman of Color Scholar Program**

A collection of candid observations from women who are enhancing the global mission of the church. These trailblazing women share their stories as part of the movement to increase the inclusion of women of color at United Methodist Seminaries and theological schools.

**DVD163  Forged by Fire**


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When the Border Crosses Over Us-Hispanic/Latino Struggles on the U.S. Mexican Border; and The Newest Immigrants-Pacific Islanders.

**DVD324  Blood Done Sign My Name**
Many of us are now familiar with this true story of Rev. Vernon Tyson and the racial murder that occurred in Oxford, NC in 1970 when he was the new pastor of Oxford United Methodist Church. In a time not friendly to integration, Rev. Tyson pursued justice in the name of Jesus. His son, Tim Tyson, writes the true story of his father, his family, the church, and growing up during the racial tensions of the South in the 1970’s.

**DVD334  African Americans & Islam**
Disc No. 1: "African Americans make up over a third of the Muslims in America. This film captures their history – starting from the time of the Prophet in Makkah to their inhumane enslavement and systematic removal of religion; touching on their struggles over the centuries, the civil rights movement and Malcolm X; and on to the present times. Just over half an hour long, this film chronicles the Islamic spirit that resides within the African American community." See a preview at: [http://www.discoverislam.com](http://www.discoverislam.com).

**DVD400  Places in the Heart**
Acclaimed by critics all over the country and boasting an Academy Award(r)-winning performance by Sally Field, PLACES IN THE HEART is a landmark film. Its emotionally gripping story centers around Edna Spalding (Field) and her unending struggle against extraordinary hardships. But, as recalled from director-writer Robert Benton’s own childhood, it’s also a portrait of a time and a place and a people. It is the 1930s in Waxahachie, Texas. Against this Depression-torn background, unforgettable characters meet and collide. Like Mr. Will (John Malkovich), the blind boarder who sees all too clearly the bigotry of his time, Moze (Danny Glover), a black man who knows a lot, including his own place in a white Southern town, and Wayne (Ed Harris), Margaret (Lindsay Crouse) and Viola (Amy Madigan), decent people caught up in an adulterous triangle which threatens two marriages. Together they leave an indelible impression of faith, courage, love and, most of all, endurance. Rated PG. HOME VIEW WITHOUT A LICENSE.

*Resource codes that begin with VC are on VHS tape and require a VCR.*

**VC114  Bill Cosby on Prejudice**
Bill Cosby uses all the clichés and stereotypes about particular groups of people. When he is done, it is obvious that the super bigot that he is portraying hates everyone. Cosby uses satire and humor to examine this serious topic. Harsh words are included.

**VC476  Great Preachers: Taylor (Gardner C.)**
The Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Pastor Emeritus of Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY and considered the dean of African American preachers, shares a message about “the Christian plan for living.” A printed copy of the sermon is included.

**VC627  Let's Get to Know Each Other**
Subtitled: What White and Black Christians Need to Know About Each Other. This video kit was developed from the original book, "Let's Get to Know Each Other" by Dr. Tony Evans. Book, poster, video and leader’s guide are included.

**VC694  Stones of Promise: Celebrating the African-American Family**
In thirteen segments, this video-enhanced study presents the importance of the family unit. African-American visuals, music, and open-ended situational dramas are used. 101-page leader's guide with resource information is included.

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VC1025  The Black College Fund: Let a New Earth Rise
The Black College Fund supplements operational and capital needs of 10 black colleges and one medical school, including Bennett College in Greensboro. This uplifting video shows how vital this fund is for the continuing support of young people and our community.

VC1085  True Colors
What would happen if two men, equal in all measurable aspects except skin color, were to test the levels of prejudice in a variety of everyday situations? Host Diane Sawyer of Prime Time discovers that even today prejudice takes many forms.

VC1463  Theresa Hoover: A Woman with a Purpose
The first black woman working as an executive in the Women's Division of The United Methodist Church. She inspires young women to continue the journey of mission.

VC1489  Legacy of Faith II: A Church for the 21st Century
"This is a video about legacy…the legacy of the African American United Methodist Church…a legacy rooted in heartfelt worship, vital preaching, rousing music and a continuing ministry of caring and working for justice." How will churches build on this legacy for the future?

VC1510  The Black College Fund: Supporting Leadership for Life
Students and graduates emphasize the importance of educating students for a lifetime of sharing. Includes four 60-90 second vignettes. Use for worship or leadership training.

VC1661  Reconciliation AC : Native American, Black American
During the AC Repentance and Reconciliation Service, two special reports were produced. The Native American footage written and narrated by Jerry Lowry is 12 minutes long. "We Have Come This Far By Faith," reflecting on the rich life and contribution of the Black Church, is directed by Doris Brunson. It is 10 minutes.

VC1744  Briars in the Cottonpatch: The Story of the Koinonia Farm
The story of a group of blacks and whites who "withstood bullets, bombs and boycotts in the years leading up to the Civil Rights era." Narrated by Andrew Young this documentary shows the remarkable events surrounded Koinonia Farm which lead to the beginnings of the global work of Habitat for Humanity International.

VC1745  Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Man and the Dream
From the A&E network Biography series: "Martin Luther King, Jr.'s tireless efforts to end racial injustice through non-violent means made him the soul of the Civil Rights Movement." Through actual footage, interviews and analysis of speeches and sermons, this program reveals a portrait of this "powerful voice for peace, justice and change."

Books

BK427  The Past Matters
A chronology of African Americans in the United Methodist Church compiled and forward written by Marilyn Magee Talbert.

BK632  Makin' Room in the Inn: Christmas Hospitality through an African American Experience
This Advent study celebrates the Christmas traditions and spirituality of black people in America, showing how African ethics and theology have a continuing influence. The study, however, relates to any group who has experienced rural to urban displacement, homecoming, and who strive to practice extended hospitality, especially during the Christmas season. 4 sessions.
BK655  Dare To Be Uncommon: Discovering How to Impact Your World - Men's Bible Study
This Super Bowl-winning coach has spent his life shaping young men. Now, Tony Dungy is ready to share core truths he wants every man to understand, live by, and pass on to others. Examine your life and aspire to a life of renewed integrity, influence, and faith. With this Bible study you will tackle key principles found in Tony Dungy's UNcommon. You'll explore Scripture, engage in discussion, encounter character-building insights, and uncover what it means to live a life of true significance. Seven sessions reinforce important life lessons captured in UNcommon.

BK667  Blood Done Sign My Name: A True Story
On May 11, 1970, Henry Marrow, a 23-year-old black veteran, walked into a crossroads store owned by Robert Teel, a rough man with a criminal record and ties to the Ku Klux Klan, and came out running. Teel and two of his sons chased Marrow, beat him unmercifully, and killed him in public as he pleaded for his life. With large sections of the town in flames, Tyson's father, the pastor of Oxford's all-white Methodist church, pressed his congregation to widen their vision of humanity and pushed the town to come to terms with its bloody racial history.

BK714  Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land
From the earliest meetings of the Civil Rights Movement to offering the benediction for the first African American President of the United States, Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery has been an eyewitness to some of the most significant events in our history. But, more important, he has been a voice that speaks truth to power--inspiring change that moves us forward. In Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land, you will find Dr. Lowery's most enduring speeches and messages from the past fifty years including Coretta Scott King's funeral and the benediction given at President Obama's inauguration. This book, however, is not simply a collection of words. It is the heart of a movement and a call to a new generation to carry the mantle--for all people. Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery is a retired pastor in The United Methodist Church and a Civil Rights leader.

BK734  From Preparation to Passion
Subtitle: Devotional and Reflective Meditations Celebrating the Lenten Season Based on the Lectionary and Celebrated African American Sacred Songs and Hymnody. There are many devotional books written to help communities of faith and individuals to observe the season of Lent in a devout manner. Here within is another resource that is intended to allow you to truly engage yourself in the preparation and propel you into a Holy passion for Christ by the time you reach Easter. This push to a deeper passion may be enhanced through the connection of the celebrated African-American sacred songs and church hymns. From Preparation to Passion will be a resource you will want to use in subsequent years, as it offers insights through the meditative readings on the message that the music and the Word of God brings From Preparation to Passion includes meditations highlighting sacred songs such as: "My Tribute," "God Is," "O Didn't It Rain," "I love Thy Kingdom Lord," and more Excerpt: Jesus' avowal that the church is a "House of Prayer" rather than a den of thieves still applies. As present day pilgrims, prayer should stand as the "sweet communion" that draws us into a deeper love for the church and "her heavenly ways."

BK800  African American History Month: A Calendar of Devotions
28 meditations of hope, strength, and unity. Devotions for each day of February with scripture, prayer, and a quote from an African American spiritual.

Curriculum Kits

KIT17  Touched by Grace: Black Methodist Heritage in The United Methodist Church
This packet includes student book, teacher's book, audiocassette, and posters. These materials used together are the basis of the thirteen part study. Also helpful as background reference material for individual study.

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KIT24  Plenty Good Room
Kit includes a student book, a teacher's book and a music CD. This is a 6-session Bible study based on the African American Spirituals: Rock-A My Soul, Go Down, Moses, Balm in Gilead, Ain't Dat Good News?, Everytime I Feel the Spirit, Plenty Good Room.

KIT46  Under the Baobab Tree
A five session program for children, teens and adults. The Bible stories, music, games and activities connect rich Biblical truths with the history and heritage of African American culture. This kit includes the director's manual, four children's leader books, two music CDs, and publicity items.

Youth Video Resources

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VC734  Miles McPherson: Another Shade of Brown
Miles McPherson, African American youth pastor, leads this discussion using many illustrations from the Bible. He challenges youth to be Christ-like and to care for all races. His message is lively, humorous and meaningful.

VC735  Miles McPherson: My Brother's Keeper
How to deal with anger and how to use conflict resolution as Christians are topics covered by Miles McPherson. He reminds youth that anger itself is not sinful, however, how we respond to that anger can be!

Youth Books

BK576  Ready to Go: School's Out
One of the biggest challenges in youth ministry is finding effective ways to minister to teenagers during school breaks and summer vacations—those times when the usual routines of education and structure aren't there. Families are vacationing. Youth groups get smaller. And very often youth ministry takes a noticeable dip in attendance and excitement. Ready-to-Go School's Out!: Youth Ministry Ideas for School Breaks and Summer Vacation by Todd Outcalt is a book that can help. Here youth workers can find support and practical ideas that can help them minister to teens during the "down times" such as: Fall & Spring Breaks, Summer Vacation, Christmas Break, Special Days such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving, and New Year's Eve.

Children's Video Resources

DVD230  God's Trombones: A Trilogy of African American Poems

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VC387  Folktales of Peace
Reaching a peaceful solution is the common theme to three tales told by storytellers from three different cultures; Native American, African American and Appalachian. A guide with discussion questions is included.

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VC1525  Harriet Tubman
"Witness both Harriet Tubman's daring exploits and the deep faith in God which enabled her to risk everything in helping her family." An inspirational animated resource for Black History awareness.

VC1526  Following the Drinking Gourd
This animated story is narrated by Morgan Freeman, and filled with music by Taj Mahal. It is "based on the traditional American folksong and recounts the compelling adventure of one family's escape from slavery via the underground railroad."

VC1746  Our Friend, Martin
Authentic footage is blended with colorful animation and music, as students learn about Martin Luther King, Jr., the leader who "challenged all Americans to turn his dream of freedom into reality."

Websites related to the United Methodist Church

African American Methodist Heritage Center

General Board of Discipleship – African American Resources

General Commission on Religion and Race

Timeline: Methodism in Black and White