



Stephen Ministry

Pat Bartee - Leader

One of our goals from the beginning of our training and ministry was to be available not only to members of our church but to the diverse community we serve. A year later, we can report that our first care receivers have been just that and represented the diversity of our community, four church members and two people from our greater community. We are pleased to offer ministry in Spanish as well as in English and our doors are open to all.

Listening to one another is the key that opens the door to change. Really hearing how someone else feels is a great starting point for much of the conflict, hurt, and anger in our families, friendships, workplaces, and communities. Stephen Ministers embrace this skill and welcome walking with people in turmoil. Contact Barrett or Pat Bartee - Stephen Leader.



https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/build-community/antiracism/



8-Day Racial Equity Education Challenge

Day 1: Visit and read the Racial Equity page of Presbyterian Women’s website. Then read PW’s statement on Racial Equity.

Day 2: Read the recommendations section on pages 21-23, located in the *Structural Review of Presbyterian Women from an Antiracist Perspective: Report and Recommendations*, approved by the voting representatives 2003 Churchwide Business Meeting.

Day 3: Watch the 2019 TED Talk by Baratunde Thurston on *How to Deconstruct Racism, One Headline at a Time*.

Day 4: Read the “Reflections on Radical Hospitality: A Supplement,” on pages 30-38 from *Practicing God’s Radical Hospitality* by Teresa Chavez Saucedo.

Day 5: Download and read The Belhar Confession.

Day 6: Commit to read one of the books from the Racial Equity Resource List found on the PW Racial Equity page.

Day 7: Host a watch party to view the documentary, *13th: From Slave to Criminal in One Amendment* by Ava DuVernay, currently available on *Netflix*.

Day 8: Write a reflection of your thoughts and what you have learned about racism and racial equity. Commit to continue your racial equity education and invite a friend to complete this challenge.

https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/work-for-justice/racism/

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TO
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SUMMER QUARTER 2020



**Beloved Conversations:
Meditations on Race and Ethnicity
Meadville Lombard Theological School**

The Belhar Confession grew out of a need to declare apartheid in South Africa as antithetical to Christian principles. This stance reveals a positive attribute and declares unity and reconciliation in Christ. In our current days of protest and reevaluation, believers once again need to revisit God's Word and reexamine our own hearts as we move ahead.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/belhar-confession/>

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<http://www.atlpcusa.org/pw.html>

Summer 2020 MVPC Quarterly Moderator Report – Sarah Chalpan

Our PW has planned and delivered two meals at two different times to Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, a shelter for homeless men in Atlanta, GA.

Our PW Coordinating Team has been able to conduct our monthly meetings for April, May and June through the Zoom platform.

Our Day Circles were not able to meet for April or May but are continuing to read and give thought to our lessons from our Horizons Bible study "Love Carved in Stone".

Our Book Circle reviewed books in April and May via Zoom.

We do have a retreat planned for October entitled "Using Your Gifts" (At Any Age) Mazi Robinson will be our speaker. It will be at Lost Corner Preserve in Sandy Springs on October 4 beginning at 12:30. We, of course, do not know yet if this will actually take place, but we are planning accordingly. More information to follow.

Our Bible Study this year will be a continuation of last year's Horizons Bible Study "Love Carved in Stone". We did not have the last two lessons for April & May plus there were 4 more lessons we did not plan to discuss. But now we will.

Our 2020-2021 Slate of Officers

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<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/2020/06/05/say-their-names-reaffirming-presbyterian-womens-stance-against-racism/>

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RACIAL EQUITY RESOURCE LIST

Are you searching for resources on
antiracism education?

Presbyterian Women's Racial Equity
Committee (REC) has recommendations!

13th: From Slave to Criminal in One Amendment (Documentary) by Ava DuVernay; available on *Netflix*
Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism by Carolyn B. Helsel
Bright Lights, Dark Nights by Stephen Emond
The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein

Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation by Jennifer Harvey
Decentering Whiteness in a Multiracial Society (*Horizons* Sept/Oct 2019 article) by Stephanie M. Patterson

How to Deconstruct Racism, One Headline at a Time (TED Talk 2019) by Baratunde Thurston

Into White (fiction novel) by Randi Pink

The Myth of Equality: Uncovering the Roots of Injustice and Privilege by Ken Wytsma

Neither Wolf Nor Dog by Kent Nerburn

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo
Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi

How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

The Tears We Cannot Stop by Michael E. Dyson

Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice by Paul Kivel

Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving

White Flour by David LaMotte, illustrated by Jenn Hales

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

White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson, Ph.D.