100 Things to do for Racial Justice

**ACTIONS**

1. Attend an introductory session about [Open Table](#) at Community of Hope.

2. Join the [NAACP](#).

3. Attend an event at the [African American Museum](#) in Cleveland.

4. Participate in a local [underground railroad](#) experience.

5. Join a “[White Privilege” discussion group](#) in your church or neighborhood.

6. Attend a performance at [Karamu House](#) theater.

7. Attend a [worship service](#) at [Mt Zion UCC](#) or [South Euclid UCC](#).

8. Notice the [skin color of Jesus as portrayed](#) in pictures in your church.

9. Attend a local [Black or integrated high school football or basketball game](#).

10. For parents/grandparents of young children: arrange [interracial playdates](#).

11. Find where to go in [East Cleveland to buy fresh produce](#).

12. Listen to [rap music](#) and read the lyrics.

13. Join a [demonstration for a racial justice issue](#).

14. Attend a [gospel choir performance](#).

15. Identify 3 things you can do within your own [White community to improve race relations](#).

16. Patronize [minority-owned businesses/restaurants](#).

17. Note if your child’s or grandchild’s books are written by or feature people of color.

18. Place a “[Black Lives Matter” sign](#) on your lawn or in your car.
19. Invite Black friends for a meal or social activity.

20. Take the Intercultural Development Inventory.


22. Volunteer at the Metanoia Project homeless shelter at St. Malachi or Denison UCC.


24. Take Diversity Training via REI (Racial Equity & Inclusion).

25. Volunteer with CASA/GAL (Court Appointed Special Advocate/ Guardian ad litem).

26. Write a letter to your local newspaper on a racial justice issue.

27. Tutor at a predominantly black school or Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

28. Attend the Criminal Justice Assembly on Feb. 27 at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church.

29. Support drug rehab diversion programs for those released from prison. Senate Bill 3.

30. Volunteer at a pre-release center.

31. Observe in family court or juvenile court for 2 hours. What feelings come up for you?

32. Support bail reform and The Bail Project.

33. Visit a prison/jail with a person who goes there regularly.

34. Attend one of the events at the Social Justice Center at Case Western Reserve University.

35. Imagine your response to being called a racist. How would you respond?

36. Volunteer at St. Paul’s Community Church (e.g. Loaves and Fishes, Thrift store, or Parish nursing office).

37. Drive through the historic Hough neighborhood.

38. Attend an event or tutor at Chagrin Falls Park.

39. Attend a meeting of Heights Coalition for Public Education.

40. Have a conversation with a close friend (White or Black) about what ‘taking a knee’ means.
41. Put yourself in situations where your **whiteness makes you a minority**.

42. Audition to perform with a Gospel Choir for the Akron Symphony meets **Gospel Choir Evening**.

43. Participate in **CSU Brown Bag lunches** from Levin College of Urban Development.

44. **Correspond with a prisoner of color**.

45. **Talk to a middle/ high school teacher** in an inner city schools about their experiences.

46. Don’t be silent about that **racist joke**. Silence is support.

**ADVOCACY**

47. Advocate for children under 18 accused of crimes by having them tried in Juvenile Court.

48. Advocate for an end to the death penalty.

49. Advocate for an end to life-in-prison for children under the age of 18 convicted of crimes.

50. Advocate for improvements in Cuyahoga County Jail.

51. Advocate for **Greater Cleveland Congregations** programs.

52. Advocate for **First Year Cleveland** (strategies to reduce infant mortality and racial disparities).

**EDUCATION**

53. Watch Documentary, **Thirteenth** by Ava DuVernay.

54. Watch TED talk, **Participatory Defense**.

55. Watch **Race: The Power of an Illusion**.

56. Watch **Africa's Great Civilizations**.

57. Watch **How Microaggressions are like Mosquito Bites**

58. Listen to **The Word Is Resistance** podcast.

59. Listen to **Code Switch** podcast.
60. Listen to Seeing White podcast.

61. Listen to Save the People podcast.

62. Listen to Sacred Conversations to End Racism podcast.

63. Listen to Changing America’s Racial Narrative with Bryan Stevenson.

64. Listen to The Urgent Need for Reconciliation with Bryan Stevenson

65. Read 1619 Project (NYTimes).

66. Read Letter from the Birmingham Jail by Martin Luther King, Jr.

67. Read Becoming an Antiracist Church by Joseph Barndt.

68. Read The Hate U Give (or watch movie) by Angie Thomas.


70. Read When They Call You A Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by Patrisse Kahn-Cullors.

71. Read Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult.

72. Read Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi.

73. Read Evicted by Matthew Desmond.

74. Read Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds.

75. Read Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi.

76. Read How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi.

77. Read The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin.

78. Read Reading the Bible from the Margins by Miguel de la Torre.

79. Read Beloved by Toni Morrison.

80. Read The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone.
81. Read *Stand Your Ground* by Kelly Brown Douglas.
82. Read *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.
83. Read *The Case for Reparations* by Ta Nehisi Coates.
84. Read *Between the World and Me* by Ta Nehisi Coates.
85. Read *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander.
86. Read *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo.
87. Read *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo.
88. Read *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein.
89. Read *The Wall Between* by Anne Braden.
91. Read *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* by Frederick Douglass.
92. Read *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe.
93. Read *Native Son* by Richard Wright.
95. Visit the Southern Poverty Law Center’s website.
96. Understand the history of redlining in Cleveland.
97. Understand the importance of hair in the culture of African-American women.
98. Learn about Kwanzaa.
99. Be able to explain the differences between "Black Lives Matter" and "All Lives Matter" or "Blues Lives Matter".
100. Subscribe to Sojourners magazine (Christian Social Justice magazine).

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