Hi Arline - Thanks for checking in on this. I appreciate the work that you and the Unitarians are continuing.

How to Be an Anti-Racist is absolutely great, and especially useful for all we well-meaning progressive white folks who believe themselves “not racist” but have yet to understand that it means something different to be Anti-Racist. I’m listening to it currently, and reading Stamped From the Beginning. Both are available in Kindle and audiobook. I’ve been engaged in social justice work for a long time and have learned SO much recently from Ibram X. Kendi’s scholarship and writing.

I’d also highly recommend Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates. It’s available both on Kindle and as an audiobook read by the author. I experienced it as a way to get inside the perspective of a Black Life, in a relatable and deeply personal way. I’d also suggest Coates' brilliant article available online at The Atlantic, [The Case for Reparations](https://eur05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theatlantic.com%2Fmagazine%2Farchive%2F2014%2F06%2Fthe-case-for-reparations%2F361631%2F%3Fgclid%3DCj0KCQjwjer4BRCZARIsABK4QeWxfD9tlLUf9r2ev4mFxkbjM3qyQtqm9F_1r8Jm9w510kf89EwMTjcaAqbIEALw_wcB&data=02%7C01%7C%7Cbb90497d43b54e3a6dae08d830248fa9%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637312280866302548&sdata=uiYKl8%2BAfhWXpHBkvBPHekXnDfDRv7vwfyP6cDoYPFs%3D&reserved=0)  Like many things unfamiliar to us, once we understand “the case” for reparations, we are better equipped to inform others and to advance the cause.

Finally, as an aside, steer folks away from White Fragility - its on lots of "understanding white privilege reading lists," and there are much more useful books offered by Black and Brown scholars and writers.

Thanks for your interest Arline, and for your ongoing service to the community.

Warmly,

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