

Roseville Area Faith Community Resource List

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Speakers

- Jake Von DeLinde, Roseville Public Schools and member of RLC. Speaks on “Roseville Then and Now”.
- Peter Demerath
- Alicia SoJourney, spoke at RCLibrary on “Confronting Racism MN style.”
- Prince of Peace—(in Spring) International Association Speakers, Refugee 101. “How to Become a Citizen” and what it takes.
- Rev Shaun Moore speaks on The Beloved. A United Methodist Pastor who give s workshops on White privilege..upcoming workshop at Centennial UMC, date to be determined.
- Rev. Dr. Karen McKinney, Prof at Bethel University. “Being an Anti-Racist Ally”.
- Jonathan Stuart and Colette Campbell from their Working2Gether Consulting firm. Spoke twice at RLC on “Differences Make a Difference but Don’t have to Divide”.
- Ms. Duchess Harris
- Don Samuels, CEO of MicroGrants, former Mpls City Council, attended Luther Seminary
- Heather Anderson, young mother of two African American boys. Source on white privilege and white fragility. In October spoke with Do Good Roseville.
- St. Christopher’s “Ask a Black Man” panel. Spoke September 2017 with St. Christopher’s youth.
- Heather Hackman, St. Cloud State Professor
- Jo Ann Conroy speaks concerning Talking Circles. Spoke at St. Paul Synod Conference..spoke at St Michaels past event.
- Dr. Robert Fisch, Holocaust Survivor,SGL Buddhist past event
- Dr. Morgan of Union Gospel Mission will speak at Bethany Baptist Church...upcoming program.
- Speaker videos attached to “Overcoming Racism Conference” Website
- Dr. Raj Sethuraju, Criminal Justice Professor from Metro State University, think also taught at Gustavus. Think spoke at Falcon Heights UCC.
- Patrick Hansel from San Pablos spoke on DACA at St Michaels
- Tommi Thompson from Isaiah organization.
- Martha Ongelli from Roseville representative of Anouk Refugees in the Twin Cities..spoke during a service at New Life Presbyterian and displayed Anouk bead work.
- John Suzukida..spoke of parents experience in WWII at Japanese Internment Camp in US.
- Artika Tyner, speaks on Mass Incarceration , Professor at University of St. Thomas.

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Organizations and groups

Groups focused on racial justice work

The Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative MN (FREC)

FREC is a loose collective of organizations and individuals committed to overcoming racism in Minnesota. FREC has been organizing annual Overcoming Racism conferences in the Twin Cities since 2009. Since 2014, FREC has organized a Leadership Institute for institutional leadership teams. Beginning in 2017, FREC has been organizing and/or co-sponsor other educational events throughout the year. FREC invites new members to come to their monthly planning and coordination meetings, on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 9-11 am at the East Side Freedom Library 1105 Greenbrier St., St. Paul, MN 55106

More info <http://www.overcomingracism.org/FREC/about.html>

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. There is both a Saint Paul and a Minneapolis Chapter

More info about Minneapolis Chapter <http://www.naacpmpls.com/>

More info about St Paul Chapter <http://www.naacp-stpaul.org/>

Equity Alliance Minnesota

The vision of the Equity Alliance Minnesota is to eliminate gaps in E-21 educational opportunity and achievement. It intends to accomplish this through collaborative learning and advocacy, be the leading force for systemic educational equity and integration.

More info <https://www.equityalliancemn.org/our-purpose.html>

Minnesota Humanities Center

The Minnesota Humanities Center is a statewide nonprofit and full service event center. It collaborates with organizations and people through education, partnerships, and public programs to inspire community conversations, forge deep connections, and illuminate authentic, diverse voices across the state — especially those left out, marginalized, or otherwise absent from our education and public awareness.

More info <https://mnhum.org/about/>

Interfaith action of Greater Saint Paul (SPIN)

SPIN works to build an infrastructure of opportunity for people in Saint Paul by leading on-the-ground work and engaging community partners in order to make broad change. SPIN's mission is to unite the people, resources, and voice of the faith community to build a more just, safe, and livable East Metro for all.

More info <http://interfaithaction.org/about>

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East Side Freedom Library

The East Side Freedom Library (ESFL) has its home in the former Arlington Hills library, one of St. Paul's historic Carnegie library buildings at 1105 Greenbrier Street, located in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood. The ESFL's mission is to inspire solidarity, advocate for justice and work toward equity for all. The library houses non-circulating research collections that appeal to interested general learners as well as scholars, with innovative databases and finding aids that make using the collections fun and vital.

More info <http://eastsidefreedomlibrary.org/about/>

Pacific Education Group

Pacific Educational Group is committed to achieving racial equity in education. It engages in sustained partnerships with educational organizations to transform beliefs, behaviors, and results so people of all races can achieve at their highest levels and live their most empowered and powerful lives. COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION™ is its award-winning protocol for effectively engaging, sustaining and deepening interracial dialogue.

More info <https://courageousconversation.com/about/>

Muslim American Society of Minnesota (MAS-MN)

MAS-MN is a charitable, religious, social, cultural, educational, and non-profit organization. It is a pioneering Islamic organization, an Islamic revival and reform movement that uplifts the individual, the family, and the society.

More info <https://www.masmn.org/about/>

The Islamic Resource Group MN (IRG)

IRG offers an opportunity to learn about Islam and Muslim cultures from American Muslims. IRG provides trained and certified speakers for all types of educational and non-educational settings in Twin Cities and surrounding areas.

More info <http://irgmn.org/>

ISIAAH

ISIAAH is a faith-based coalition of more than 100 member congregations that lets faith communities in Minnesota more effectively live out their faith justice and the common good.

By uniting local congregations in a large regional organization, ISIAAH strengthens the ability of people of faith to address both local and regional community issues, including sprawl, affordable housing, transportation, and racial inequity.

A subset of ISIAAH is involved in providing sanctuary for undocumented immigrants needing refuge.

More info <https://isaiahmn.org/about-2/>

ELCA Saint Paul Synod Anti-Racism work group

The work group exists to curate tools for raising awareness of racial injustice, convene a cohort of congregational leaders ready to confront racism and dig deeper on the issues, and to encourage Saint Paul Area Synod congregations to move beyond awareness into advocacy and activism. The workgroup is looking to include representatives from each of the Lutheran congregations in Saint Paul synod. More info-Contact Jen-Jcollins@hosannaforestlake.net or Elizabeth-pastorelizabeth@christoncapitolhill.com

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Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee (MIRAc)

MIRAC is an immigrant rights organization in Minnesota. MIRAC fights for legalization for all, an end to immigration raids & deportations, an end to all anti-immigrant laws, and full equality in all areas of life.

Once a month there is a new member meeting on first Wednesday night of the month at 7 PM.

[More info on Facebook at Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee \(MIRAc\)](#)

Navigate

NAVIGATE is a leadership development program for immigrant young adults in Minnesota facing financial, social and legal barriers to achieve their dreams through changing unjust systems. Through NAVIGATE, these young adults help their community and themselves by working to access college education, jobs and legal status.

[More info at http://www.navigatemn.org/about-us/](http://www.navigatemn.org/about-us/)

Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM)

ICOM states its mission as a call to pursue policies that uphold the human dignity of each person based on our ethical values. ICOM is committed to: stand for America's finest ideals and publicly reject the politics of division that fan anger and hateful stereotypes against any person or community; support humane and just immigration reform; call for an end to all raids and workplace enforcement policies that cause workers to lose their jobs or be detained and deported; strive for a society that values the wholeness of each family and their right to be united; call for an end to the civil detention of immigrants. They invite all to join them for their monthly Faith Action vigils. They gather as community members of faith and conscience to advocate for immigrant rights and immigration reform, standing in solidarity with those detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

[More info on Facebook at Interfaith Coalition on Immigration \(ICOM\)](#)

Arrival Ministries – Refugee Resettlement

[More info about Arrival Ministries can be found at http://arriveministries.org/who-we-are/our-partners/](http://arriveministries.org/who-we-are/our-partners/)

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Theaters with productions that speak to racial and immigrant justice concerns

Penumbra Theatre

This theatre creates professional productions that are artistically excellent, thought provoking, relevant and illuminates the human condition through the prism of the African American experience.

More info <https://penumbratheatre.org/about/>

Jungle Theatre

The Jungle plays a continuing and vital role in the Lyn-Lake neighborhood's economic, social and cultural development.

More info <http://www.jungletheater.com/aboutjungle/>

Mixed Blood

The company's predictably unpredictable work addresses injustices, inequities, and cultural collisions, providing a voice for the unheard—on stage, in the workplace, in the company's own Cedar Riverside neighborhood and beyond. Mixed Blood continues to lead the field in programming and engagement at the crossroads of art and social justice, and in eliminating barriers to participation through its signature *Radical Hospitality*.

More info <https://mixedblood.com/about-2/>

Guthrie – Dowling Studio

Programming in the Dowling Studio has a persistent focus on inclusivity and community engagement. Productions in this space have been created per the Guthrie for community engagement to “conceive, develop, implement, and oversee community-based programming to meaningfully connect the Guthrie with communities currently underserved by its work,”

More info <https://www.guthrietheater.org/about-us/Level-9/>

Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre (HOBT)

HOBT uses puppets and unlimited imagination to tell stories that explore the struggles and celebrations of human existence. Drawing inspiration from the world's traditions of puppet and mask theatre and its lively roots in transformative ritual and street theatre, HOBT creates vital, poetic theater for all ages and backgrounds. HOBT is rooted in the South Side of Minneapolis.

More info <https://hobt.org/about/>

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Events focused on race and immigrant concerns

Science Museum of Minnesota presents Exhibit on Race – “Are we so different? –Exhibit on the illusion of race”

More info <https://www.smm.org/race>

Ramsey County – Roseville library presents Series around Race including Do Good’s “Ask a ...” series

More info

<https://host6.evanced.info/melsa/ramsey/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&df=calendar&cn=0&private=0&ln=8>

Turkish American Society of Minnesota (TASMN) – Abrahamic Dinner -Dialogue and friendship Dinner- 3 Faiths at the table

More info <http://tasmn.org/interfaith-dialogue/>

Redeemer Center for Life (RCFL) hosts H-Cubed: Harrison, Healing, Harmony -An Open Mic Community Space for Healing

More info on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HarrisonHealingHarmony/>

Actions that many times provide opportunities for connections with people of color and immigrants

Roseville Area Schools - Tutoring

Habitat for Humanity –Holy Hammer House Building Projects

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Events

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 18, 1-4 p.m. – “Seeing the Racial Water” workshop, Unity Church, 733 Portland Av., St. Paul.
- Nov. 30, 6-9 p.m. – 10th annual Abrahamic Traditions Interfaith Dinner – Grace Lutheran Church, 7800 W. County Rd. 42, Apple Valley. Organized by the Niagara Foundation Minnesota branch, with the Turkish American Association of Minnesota and Grace Lutheran Church. Free but reservations required - <http://graceofav.org/events/abrahamic-interfaith-dinner/> or registration form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqmy4zopRNsBQ03Ukrk3YqCuRGPigxUhNx14rVx64yT48FtQ/viewform>
- Jan. 15, 2018 – MLK events, including children/parents event. 9-11 a.m. at Nativity Lutheran Church, 3312 Silver Lake Rd., St. Anthony.
- Feb. 13, 6-9 p.m. – “A Good Time for the Truth” panel discussion, Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul.

Ongoing Events

- “Race and...” series, a monthly race forum – Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 Glenwood Av., Minneapolis.
 - <http://www.redeemermpls.org/race-forum-blog>
- Ongoing monthly community dinners
 - St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church
 - Calvary Baptist Church
- ELCA Synod Racial Justice Workshops, ongoing at St. Michaels Church, 1600 W. County Road B, Roseville.
- Interfaith Coalition on Immigration – vigil outside federal Whipple Building at Fort Snelling.
- Small group meetings at St Michael’s Church, 1600 W. County Road B, Roseville.
- Educational Equity in Action – meeting at the U of MN
- Ask Series – Do Good Roseville: <https://dogoodroseville.com/ask-a-series/>

Past Events

- Tell Your Own Immigration Story – Potluck lunch and small-table discussions sharing family coming-to-America stories. Designed to help us realize our immigration roots. Summer 2017 at New Life Presbyterian Church, Roseville.
- Ask a Muslim Woman, an event of Do Good Roseville hosted by Nyia Harris.
- Ask a Black Man, and Ask A Black Man part 2, events of Do Good Roseville.
- Racial Justice in our Community at Roseville Lutheran Church
 - *Roseville Then and Now* - Jake Von De Linde
 - *Inaccessible Neighbors* - Don Samuels
 - *Being An Anti-Racist Ally* - Karen McKinney (Worship Center)
 - *Differences Make a Difference But Don’t Have to Divide* - Jonathan Stuart and
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Other Resources

- Peace Meals – Food and talk around tables of 5-6 people to build community and understanding across religious, cultural and ethnic lines of division. A project of Outreach Opportunities. Contact the Rev. Kevin Schill, director, at 651-925-6874 or kevin@outreachopportunities.org.
- Better Angels – How to Talk Across the Great Divide. – Bipartisan citizens movement begun in 2016 to help reframe dialog on difficult issues, including help on organizing local workshops. www.better-angels.org/
- Narrative4 - Narrative 4 builds a community of empathic global citizens who improve the world through the exchange of personal narratives. <https://narrative4.com/>

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Films

13th

Filmmaker Ava DuVernay explores the history of racial inequality in the United States, focusing on the fact that the nation's prisons are disproportionately filled with African-Americans.

Amistad

Amistad is a 1997 American historical drama film directed by Steven Spielberg, based on the true story of the events in 1839 aboard the slave ship La Amistad, during which Mende tribesmen abducted for the slave trade managed to gain control of their captors' ship off the coast of Cuba, and the international legal battle that followed their capture by a U.S. revenue cutter. The case was ultimately resolved by the Supreme Court in 1841.

Birth of a Nation

Set against the antebellum South, THE BIRTH OF A NATION follows Nat Turner, a literate slave and preacher, whose financially strained owner, Samuel Turner, accepts an offer to use Nat's preaching to subdue slaves. As he witnesses countless atrocities, against himself and his fellow slaves, Nat orchestrates an uprising in the hopes of leading his people to freedom.

Crash

Winner of 3 Academy Awards including BEST PICTURE, CRASH takes place in the diverse metropolis of Los Angeles and challenges audiences to confront their prejudices. Lives combust when a Brentwood housewife and her district attorney husband, a Persian shopkeeper, two cops, a pair of carjackers and a Korean couple all converge.

Four Little Girls

Spike Lee tells the full story of the 1963 bombing of a black church in Birmingham, Alabama that killed four little girls and became a defining moment in the history of America's civil-rights movement.

I'm Not Your Negro

Director Raoul Peck envisions the book James Baldwin never finished, Remember This House. It is a journey into black history that connects the Civil Rights movement to #BlackLivesMatter. It questions black representation in Hollywood and beyond.

Lion-a Story of Cross-Cultural Adoption

A 5 yr old boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home. Surviving many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia, he sets out to find his family

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Loving

Based on the landmark Supreme Court case, an interracial couple fights the law that they cannot be recognized as married in the state of Virginia.

Malcom X

A tribute to the controversial black activist and leader of the struggle for black liberation. He hit bottom during his imprisonment in the '50s, he became a Black Muslim and then a leader in the Nation of Islam. His assassination in 1965 left a legacy of self-determination and racial pride.

Race: the Power of a Illusion

The division of the world's peoples into distinct groups - "red," "black," "white" or "yellow" peoples - has become so deeply imbedded in our psyches, so widely accepted, many would promptly dismiss as crazy any suggestion of its falsity. Yet, that's exactly what this provocative, new three-hour series by California Newsreel claims. Race - The Power of an Illusion questions the very idea of race as innate biology, suggesting that a belief in inborn racial difference is no more sound than believing that the sun revolves around the earth.

Yet race still matters. Just because race doesn't exist in biology doesn't mean it isn't very real, helping shape life chances and opportunities.

Episode 1- The Difference Between Us examines the contemporary science - including genetics - that challenges our common sense assumptions that human beings can be bundled into three or four fundamentally different groups according to their physical traits.

Episode 2- The Story We Tell uncovers the roots of the race concept in North America, the 19th century science that legitimated it, and how it came to be held so fiercely in the western imagination. The episode is an eye-opening tale of how race served to rationalize, even justify, American social inequalities as "natural."

Episode 3- The House We Live In asks, If race is not biology, what is it? This episode uncovers how race resides not in nature but in politics, economics and culture. It reveals how our social institutions "make" race by disproportionately channeling resources, power, status and wealth to white people.

By asking, What is this thing called 'race'?, a question so basic it is rarely asked, Race - The Power of an Illusion helps set the terms that any further discussion of race must first take into account. Ideal for human biology, anthropology, sociology, American history, American studies, and cultural studies.

Rosewood

In 1923, a prosperous black town in Florida was burned to the ground, its people hunted and murdered, all because a white woman falsely claimed that a black man sexually assaulted her.

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Selma

Although the Civil Rights Act of 1964 legally desegregated the South, discrimination was still rampant in certain areas, making it very difficult for blacks to register to vote. In 1965, an Alabama city became the battleground in the fight for suffrage. Despite violent opposition, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (David Oyelowo) and his followers pressed forward on an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, and their efforts culminated in President Lyndon Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Slavery by Another Name

PBS documentary about Jim Crow laws of reconstruction meant to incarcerate freed slaves and put them on chain gangs for free labor

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Books

- A Good Time for the Truth
- Across that Bridge
- Behold the Dreamers
- Between the World and Me
- Born a Crime
- Can We Talk About Race
- Courageous Conversations about Race
- Cultural Proficiency: A Manual for School Leaders
- Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America
- God's Politics: Why the Right Gets it Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get it
- Green Card Youth Voices: Immigration Stories from MN High Schools
- Just Mercy
- March
- Moral Tribes
- Pre-Post Racial America
- Shock Doctrine
- The Bluest Eye
- The Open Veins of South America
- The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided on Politics and Religion
- The Speed of Trust
- The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb
- They are Us - Lutherans and Immigration
- To Kill a Mockingbird
- Trouble I've Seen
- Winner Take All Politics
- Write on Race

This site has a wide variety of books for different faiths: <http://daughtersofabraham.com/book-lists/>

Additional reading list available on Do Good Roseville: <https://dogoodroseville.com/reading-list/>

Podcasts

- Code Switch
- Counter Stories
- On Being
- On Ramp

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Faith Communities sharing space

New Life Presbyterian

Kenyan Community Outreach Church

Roseville Lutheran

Progressive Grace Church – Sunday 11:30 – 2:30

Calvary Baptist

Foundations of life

Aniak Presbyterian Church

Bethany Baptist

Haitian Marenatha Baptist Church

Pneuma Holy Spirit Church

Galilee Lutheran church

Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church

St. Paul Friends – Nepali

La Hermosa – Hispanic

Liberian