2021 BLACK HISTORY MONTH RESOURCES

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This Black History Month (Feb.1-Mar.1) 2021 resources are curated from a variety of sources. They reflect African American history, culture, and topics that are relevant to the community and corps. Explore! You may find opportunities to deepen cultural awareness, to develop cross-cultural understanding, and to help in building genuine intercultural relationships. Perhaps some fresh ideas will be generated for your ministry.

We Need Black History

For Christians, Black History Month "is a chance to celebrate the creative brilliance of the God who "made from one man every nation of mankind" (Acts 17:26), and the redemptive beauty of his Son who, with his own blood, "ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Revelation 5:9). We Need Black History . You are encouraged to read and discuss the article with your colleagues, in your corps, or other ministry setting!

★Watch for Google Doodles each day. They often feature an African American of note for his or her achievements during Black History Month, as well as the artist who created the doodle. Who would be your "doodle"?

THE SALVATION ARMY: BEGINNINGS

A Conversation with Major Steve Harper

Major Steve Harper, one of the territory's first African-American officers commissioned in 1971, shares some of his story, including experiences with racism, helping us understand a little better what it might be like to walk in someone else's shoes.

Richardson Fill New Ground-Breaking Appointment

Lt. Colonels Lonneal and Patty Richardson have been appointed as the first Racial Diversity and Inclusion Secretaries for the Central Territory—a first in the nation.

Territory to open Center for Social Justice and Urban Mission

In March 2019 Central Territorial Headquarters purchased a two-flat building in the Lakeview East community of Chicago for the purpose of launching the Center for Social Justice and Urban Mission (CSJUM). It also appointed Captain Katherine Clausell as the first territorial secretary for social justice and urban mission.

Oaks of Righteousness, The History of the African Descent Ministry

https://saconnects.org/know-the-past-shape-the-future/

A new video documentary series produced by the USA Eastern Territory's Mission & Culture Department will feature perspectives from African American, Hispanic, and Asian cultural committee members on important topics.

★ Look to the living history around you. Invite women and men within The Salvation Army who have struggled for the cause of justice, share their stories and celebrate!

AWARENESS

INTERNATIONAL POSITIONAL STATEMENT ON RACISM (IPSR)

The Salvation Army has a guide for Salvationist and others who want to have a foundation for understanding and responding to racist practices and structures. The International Positional Statement on Racism says that racism is 'fundamentally incompatible with the Christian conviction that all people are made in the image of God and are equal in value. The Salvation Army believes that the world is enriched by a diversity of cultures and ethnicities.'

BLACK HISTORY AWARENESS ■ THE SALVATION ARMY

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES RESOURCE

The month of February tends to be all about hearts and love because of Valentine's Day. However, it is also a great time to focus on love and healing…

RELEVANT TOPICS

PROPHETIC LAMENT

Prophetic Lament: A Call for Justice in Troubled Times

When Soong-Chan Rah planted an urban church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, his first full sermon series was a six-week exposition of the book of Lamentations. Preaching on an obscure, depressing Old Testament book was probably not the most seeker-sensitive way to launch a church. But it shaped their community with a radically countercultural perspective. The American church avoids lament. But lament is a missing, essential component of Christian faith. Lament recognizes struggles and suffering, that the world is not as it ought to be...

BLACK LIVES MATTER – ALL LIVES MATTER

In response to the too common pushback on the phrase *Black Lives Matter*, Rev. Dr. Soong Chan Rah, shared these words at the Central Territory's Racial Justice Summit (2019), and offered an insightful perspective in "It was not all lives … "

GET HOME SAFELY: 10 RULES TO SURVIVAL

On December 14, 2014, shortly after Michael Brown's death, Trinity United Church of Christ held safety forums with a variety of law professionals for youth and their parents, and dedicated their bulletin to educating the congregation on safety measures to use in their interactions with police. An important infographic, "10 Rules of Survival If Stopped By the Police," developed by David Miller (founder of the Dare to be King Project) was shared, and, in partnership with CTS, WFYI, Trinity UCC, and SALT, those rules were used to create a short film, "Get Home Safely: 10 Rules of Survival," to bring this critical information to an even wider audience and help keep their children safe.

TALKING ABOUT RACE

Talking about race, although hard, is necessary. The National Museum of African American History and Culture provides discussion starters for this topic, in addition to Bias, Being Anti-Racist, and Historical Foundations of Racism. This site provides helps for parents, educators, and those interested in racial and social justice.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

WE SHALL OVERCOME

A powerful rendition of this popular Civil Rights era March song by the Aeolians Oakwood University choir.

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING
Popularly known as the Black National Anthem, frequently sung in African American schools, churches, and during special events, Lift Every Voice and Sing w/Kirk Franklin.

BREAK EVERY CHAIN, by Tasha Cobb
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucY6NwQTI3M

OVERCOME, by Jeremy Camp
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8AB0vUU038

I WON'T GO BACK, by William McDowell
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tIy_ZXOmOs

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN OUTLINE
"God's Family & God's Promise" (Sermon)

CHURCH PROGRAMS

7 WAYS TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN YOUR CHURCH:
Ideas for honoring the beauty of the diverse cultures in your church.

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CELEBRATIONS

SO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT JUNETEENTH

WHAT IS JUNETEENTH? Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

JUNETEENTH, THE FLAG
The Juneteenth Flag is filled with Symbolism: Here is what it means.

OTHER JUNETEENTH ACTIVITIES.
★Participate in your local Juneteenth celebration or plan a Juneteenth potluck. Red foods and drink are traditional fare, symbolizing perseverance, with watermelon being the oldest traditional food on Juneteenth

CONTEMPORARY CULTURE AND HISTORY

CHILDREN-YOUTH-ADULT

15 BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS!
Enjoy 15 Black History Month Activities for Kids! It will engage adults, too!
HOW TO TALK TO KIDS ABOUT RACE.
In this short animated film on race, Jemar Tisby says, "the worst conversation adults can have with kids about race is no conversation at all. Talking to kids about race needs to happen early, often, and honestly. Tisby offers suggestions from experiential learning to watching classic animated films.

BOOKMARKS: CELEBRATING BLACK VOICES
Children's books, especially those written by African American authors for children, are a great way for children to learn about African American history. In BOOKMARKS: CELEBRATING BLACK VOICES celebrity readers spark kid-friendly conversation about empathy, equality, self-love, and racism. Source: Netflix

HEROES IN BLACK HISTORY: TRUE STORIES FROM THE LIVES OF CHRISTIAN HEROES (Dave and Neta Jackson)
Drawn from the lives of key Christians from the past and present, **Heroes in Black History** is an inspiring collection of forty-two exciting and educational readings that highlight African American Christians through a short biography and three true stories for each hero. Featured heroes include Harriet Tubman, George Washington Carver, William Seymour, Thomas A. Dorsey, Mary McLeod Bethune, Martin Luther King Jr., and many more. Amazon ★ Kindle

YOUTH-ADULTS

In BLACK CULTURE CONNECTION, you can find quizzes on the Arts, History, Race & Society, and other categories. Think you can score 100? Test your knowledge of FREEDOM SUMMER, one of the most influential events of the Civil Rights Movement that engaged young people in ways that changed society. These quizzes are not just your typical "firsts." Have a conversation about things you didn't know about and found interesting or challenging.

THE BLACK CHURCH: THIS IS OUR STORY, THIS IS OUR SONG ★ Airs Feb. 16 and 23. This 4 hour, two-part series reveals the broad history and culture of the Black church and explores African American faith communities on the frontlines of hope and change. Featuring interviews with Oprah Winfrey, John Legend, Jennifer Hudson, Bishop Michael Curry, Cornel West, Pastor Shirley Caesar, and more.

VIRTUAL HISTORY TOUR
Avoid the lines and take a **VIRTUAL HISTORY TOUR** of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.