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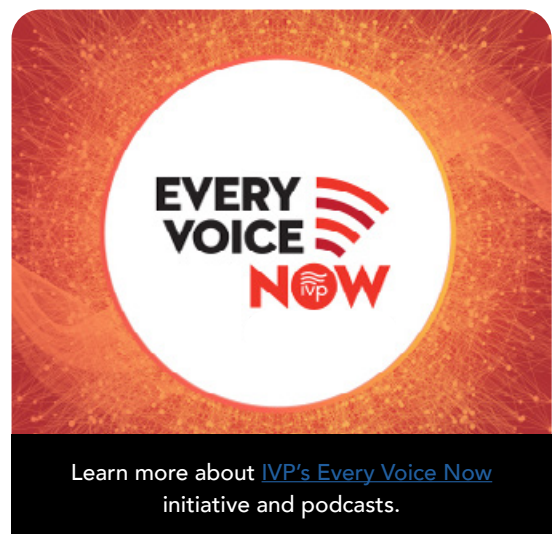


BLACK HISTORY MONTH





Throughout its seventy-five years of publishing, IVP has been intentional about providing books that address issues of justice, race, ethnic identity, and other topics that speak to the culture and the church as a whole. During Black History Month in February, IVP will celebrate this legacy by highlighting the IVP authors who have written boldly and prophetically about the history, and the future, of the Black experience. Along with that list, the IVP publicity team has put together the following press kit featuring six recent books by authors continuing this work. We hope these resources will spark ideas for articles, excerpts, and interviews that celebrate Black History—the experiences, the people, the contributions, and the hope for healing and understanding.



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## ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:

How Confronting Buried History Can Build Racial Solidarity

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"I love Terence Lester's mission: 'to ensure that no one feels invisible.' He says that to see someone, to recognize their dignity and know them truly, you have to learn their story and understand their history. We White folks have a centuries-old tendency to bury history that makes us uncomfortable. It's long past time to confront the painful truth of systemic racial injustice in our country. *All God's Children* isn't a feel-good, let's-all-get-along book, but it's absolutely about love—the kind of love that confronts injustice at every turn. I'm so thankful for Lester and this heartfelt, challenging book."

—MARLA TAVIANO, author of *Unbelieve*

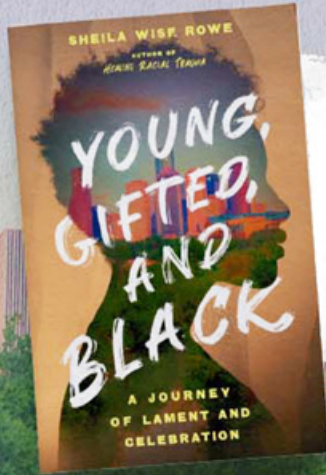


**TERENCE LESTER** is the founder of [Love Beyond Walls](#), a not-for-profit organization focused on poverty awareness and community mobilization. His campaigns on behalf of the poor, including #LoveSinksIn (which provides handwashing stations for the poor) have been featured in *USA Today*, *Black Enterprise*, *Essence*, and *Reader's Digest*. They have been viewed by millions of people globally on *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, CBS News, NBC, and "The Bright Side" with Katie Couric.

Terence's books include [When We Stand](#), [I See You](#), *Getting Past Stuck*, *Simple Prayers for Hurting People*, and *Identity Theft*. He has also coproduced a biographical documentary based on his book *The U-Turn Project: Answering the Call*.



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## YOUNG, GIFTED, AND BLACK:

A Journey of Lament and Celebration

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"The stories Sheila shares are relatable, moving, and healing. I saw myself in the stories shared, and I am convinced young Black readers will see themselves too. Sheila considers the importance of uplifting and leading the next generation toward healing. *Young, Gifted, and Black* highlights the importance of young Black leaders and why older leaders should pass the baton. Through story, history, and trauma-informed research, Sheila makes a brilliant case for young Black leaders' unique gifts."

—**FAITH BROOKS**, antiracism educator  
and cohost of the *Melanated Faith* podcast

**SHEILA WISE ROWE** is the cofounder of The Cyrene Movement, an online community for people of color seeking healing for racial trauma. She is the author of [Healing Racial Trauma](#), *The Well of Life: Heal Your Pain, Satisfy Your Thirst, Live Your Purpose* along with *The Wonder Years*. She is also a contributor to [A Just Passion: A Six-Week Lenten Journey](#). Sheila is a graduate of Tufts University and Cambridge College with a master's degree in counseling psychology. For over twenty-five years she has counseled abuse and trauma survivors in the United States. Sheila ministered to homeless and abused women and children in Johannesburg, South Africa, where she also taught counseling and trauma-related courses for a decade.



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# HEALING CONVERSATIONS ON RACE:

Four Key Practices from Scripture and Psychology

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Race complicates our relationships, even when we reject racism and seek to walk a better path together. How can we get our thinking—and our conversations—unstuck from entrenched patterns? In this book, four experts in psychology and social work present a model for how to build and deepen the cross-race relationships we want. *Healing Conversations on Race* is the culmination of professional—but also deeply personal—conversations the authors have had with each other, wrestling together over current events, their own stories, and their roles in the healing process. They combine biblical teachings with psychological science to help Christians develop the skills to discuss race and ethnicity.



“Veola Vazquez, Joshua Knabb, Charles Lee-Johnson, and Krystal Hays have written a very helpful and biblically based book that describes their HEAL model for having healing conversations on race focusing on humility, empathy, acceptance, and love. The authors humbly and transparently share their own stories and struggles and provide practical skills and steps for engaging in the process of building racial understanding and unity and overcoming racism. Highly recommended!”

—**SIANG-YANG TAN**, senior professor of clinical psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary and senior pastor emeritus of First Evangelical Church Glendale, California



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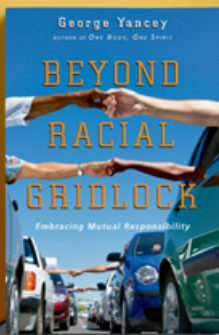


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## BEYOND RACIAL DIVISION:

A Unifying Alternative to Colorblindness and Antiracism

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Also the author of  
[Beyond Racial Gridlock](#)

Sociologist [GEORGE YANCEY](#) offers an alternative approach to racial relations where all parties contribute and are mutually accountable to one another for societal well-being. He provides empirical rationale for how collaborative conversations in a mutual accountability model can reduce racial division. History and societal complexity mean that different participants may have different kinds of responsibility, but all are involved in seeking the common good for all to thrive. Avoiding unilateral decisions that close off dialogue, Yancey casts a vision for moving beyond racial alienation toward a lifestyle and movement of collaborative conversation and mutuality.

**[GEORGE YANCEY](#)** (PhD, University of Texas) is a professor at the Institute for Studies of Religion at Baylor University, specializing in race/ethnicity and religion. He works to promote collaborative communication as a solution to racial unrest. He is also the author, coauthor, or coeditor of books such as *Compromising Scholarship: Religious and Political Bias in American Higher Education*, *One Faith No Longer: The Transformation of Christianity in Red and Blue America*, *There Is No God: Atheists in America*, [Hostile Environment: Understanding and Responding to Anti-Christian Bias](#), [Beyond Racial Gridlock](#), and *Transcending Racial Barriers*.

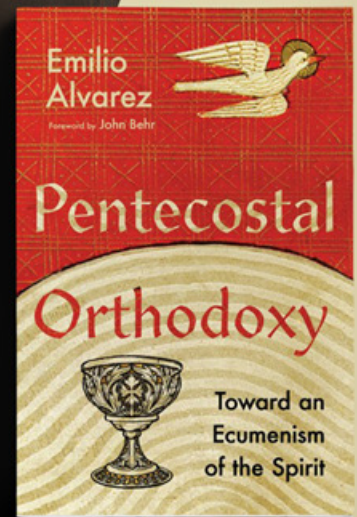


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## PENTECOSTAL ORTHODOXY:

Toward an Ecumenism of the Spirit

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### **EMILIO ALVAREZ**

(PhD, Fordham University) is the presiding bishop of the Union of Charismatic Orthodox Churches, a communion that embraces the one holy, catholic, apostolic tradition. He is also associate provost for lifelong learning at Asbury Theological Seminary.

“Alvarez adroitly navigates the thorny terrain in which contemporary Black Pentecostalism finds itself as it moves away from fundamentalist evangelical thinking ‘toward more liturgical, sacramental, and creedal forms of Christianity.’ Alvarez presents contemporary faith leaders with important questions for the future: Are Christianity and orthodoxy commensurate, in view of the persistence of categorical racism? Is orthodoxy a form of theological reasoning that can liberate Black Pentecostals from deep-seated racism that persists in Western Christian culture? And what are the ramifications of Alvarez’s claims for organizations that adhere to an episcopal polity like the Joint College of African American Pentecostal Bishops? You will have to purchase your own copy to find out.”

—**DONALD HILLIARD JR.**, senior pastor of Cathedral International, Perth Amboy, New Jersey

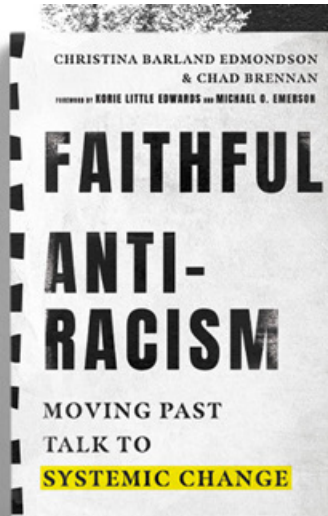


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## FAITHFUL ANTIRACISM:

Moving Past Talk to Systemic Change

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Racism presents itself as an undefeatable foe—a sustained scourge on the reputation of the church. In *Faithful Antiracism*, Christina Barland Edmondson, a Cultural Intelligence facilitator, and Chad Brennan, coordinator of the Race, Religion, and Justice Project, take confidence from the truth that Christ has overcome the world, including racism, and offer clear analysis and interventions to challenge and resist its pernicious power. Drawing on brand-new research from the landmark Race, Religion, and Justice Project led by Michael Emerson and others, this book represents the most comprehensive study on Christians and race since Emerson's own book *Divided by Faith* (2001). It invites readers to put this data to immediate practical use, applying it to their own specific context.

"This is an important book, one that offers a compelling response to the question that burns in the hearts of countless Christians today: What can we *do* to confront racism in our communities? Most impressive, perhaps, is Edmondson and Brennan's multidisciplinary approach. Their brilliant synthesis of current research, scriptural insight, personal story, historical analysis, and practical wisdom is not only unparalleled among Christian treatments of the topic, it is also deeply persuasive. Eminently helpful and relentlessly hopeful, *Faithful Antiracism* is an essential resource for any individual, church, or organization seeking to take concrete steps toward measurable change."

**DUKE KWON**, lead pastor of Grace Meridian Hill and coauthor of *Reparations: A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair*



Also check out the [Truth's Table](#) and [Get in the Word with Truth's Table](#) podcasts, both co-hosted by Christina Barland Edmonson.



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