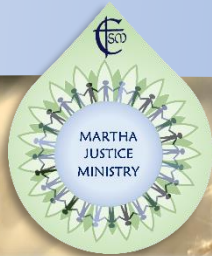


# MARTHA JUSTICE MINISTRY BOOK LIST



**Ibram X Kendi, *How to be an Antiracist* (2019):** This book emerges at a time of growing voices of the Black Lives Matter movement in the US with the challenge by Ibram X Kendi to all people to be more than just “not racist” but to be actively “anti-racist,” taking on the internalized and external racism we see becoming more explicit in this time and context.

**Desmond Cole, *The Skin We’re In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power* (2020):** In this book, Desmond Cole takes us through a full year, 2017, of anti-black racism and racism against Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) in Canada. He challenges the view of Canada as “post-racial” and harmonious through documenting examples of racist violence, exploitation, and marginalization in Canada, while highlighting the strength and importance of movements for change.

**Fr. Bryan Massingdale, *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church* (2020):** Fr. Massingdale brings together the history of anti-black racism in the US with how Catholic Social Teaching has or has not been used to resist and reject the American culture of racism. He challenges the church, members, and theologians to attend to the Black American experience and understanding of justice to enrich Catholic theology, liturgy, and culture.

**Tanya Talaga, *All Our Relations: Finding Our Way Forward* (2018):** In her Massey Lectures, Tanya Talaga focuses on the rise of suicides among Indigenous youth in Canada and elsewhere. The intergenerational impacts of colonization and forced separation of families remain in the individuals, families, and communities of Indigenous peoples subjected to this violence and racism. However, these Indigenous communities continue to show resilience and a continued commitment to resist racism, to reclaim culture and traditions, and to flourish.

**Daniel N. Paul, *We Were Not The Savages, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition* (2008):** In this book, Daniel Paul offers an in-depth history of Mi’kmaq people, traditions, and values in the Atlantic region of what is now Canada, along with the devastating impact of the early years of European settlers and colonization in the 1700s. This impact is being felt to this day by Mi’kmaq communities that have managed to survive this brutal history and continue to call for the Peace and Friendship Treaties to be honoured hundreds of years later.

**Robin Wall Kimmerer, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* (2013):** In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Robin Wall Kimmerer offers a beautiful weaving of narrative and science as she shares the wisdom of Indigenous knowledge and language to deepen our understanding and relationship with the natural world, and of all life. This deepened connection allows us to recognize that we urgently must protect all of creation and live more fully in relationship with all life for all our survival and flourishing.

**Dermot Lane, *Theology and Ecology in Dialogue: The Wisdom of Laudato Si’* (2020):** On the five-year anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, Dermot Lane offers a theological exploration of the document. The challenges presented in *Laudato Si’* regarding the climate, social, political, and economic crises of our time, must be faced with a new theological approach that brings creation care into our spiritual, ethical, and liturgical lives more fully. For Dermot Lane, the theological vision of *Laudato Si’* pushes us forward as church and faithful to respond with urgency to change our lives and heal the planet.