Introduction

Disrupting the patterns of systemic racism in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) requires that we know our history. You’re invited to explore this website to learn as well as engage in the history of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Knowing our history is the first step to changing our patterns. By doing so, we open ourselves up to the possibility of more fully living as the body of Christ. This body lifts up each member as a unique and honored part of the whole. We are simply not complete without one another; but of course, this is much easier said than done. It takes practice and humility to daily lift up our confessions to repair and restore ourselves to right relationship with one another and God.

Articles from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Church and Society magazine, online resources and blog posts by Presbyterians, and approved or disapproved overtures and resolutions from General Assemblies are all included in this resource. It is the intention that the diversity of materials will reflect a deep and wide story of our denomination. It is, however, by no means exhaustive. There are stories from all corners of the church that we hope will be lifted up in this process in active, living ways. We hope that you will become curators of this history alongside us.

**Welcome to the journey!** Use these questions to deeply engage with this part of the history of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) These are just a beginning as you seek to explore our past, understand the present, and strive for a greater future. Consider journaling as you wander and walk through these resources so that you can mark your own story of growth and understanding:

* How is this story similar and/or different from your experience in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?
* How does this story challenge or change your understanding of life in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?
* What is the significance of this story or perspective?
* How can you share this story with others? How will the life in your congregation be shaped or changed by knowing this story?

Doctrine of Discovery Materials

* Report going to the 223rd General Assembly: <https://facing-racism.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/facing_racism/doctrine_of_discovery_-_report_to_the_223rd_ga_2018.pdf>
* Reparations Study Guide (2012): <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/called-live-gods-people-study-guide-report-task-fo/>
* 1492-1992: A Selected Bibliography (Church and Society, 1992): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/w5ze49g0477socb/1600 Years of Border History %282005%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/w5ze49g0477socb/1600%20Years%20of%20Border%20History%20%282005%29.pdf?dl=0)

Websites of note:

* General Assembly Committee on Representation information and history website: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/committees/committee-representation/history-and-responsibilities/>
* Advocacy Committee on Racial Ethnic Concerns information and history website: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/advocacy-committee-racial-ethnic-concerns-acrec/>
* Advocacy Committee on Social Witness Policy website by topic: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/acswp/topics/>
* Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) resources on antiracism: <https://facing-racism.pcusa.org/>
* Timeline of Presbyterian history (Presbyterian Historical Society): <https://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/presbyterian-history/timeline-presbyterian-history>
* Living History Videos (Presbyterian Historical Society): <https://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/presbyterian-history/living-history-films>
* “Why Black Lives Matter” (Presbyterian Women Resource): <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/black-lives-matter/>
* OGA partners with Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC) to make a video about race: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ecclesial-and-ecumenical-ministries/ecumenical-and-agency-relationships/>

Multiple listings of resources: [https://www.dropbox.com/s/pogjtlj6noycncd/Links to Resources.docx?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/pogjtlj6noycncd/Links%20to%20Resources.docx?dl=0)

A History of the Snedecor Memorial Synod of the Presybterian Church in the United States.

(this one was a serendipitious discovery. a historian was at PHS studying Congo missionaries and overheard my inquiry about synods and gave me this pdf. It is a detailed study of the black synod, and how the denomination promised “separate but equal” treatment, but didn’t follow through with resources leading to its dissolution. I’ve attached it but not sure how you would want to use it in the curated material): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/guuf0h186msfyv2/Snedecor Synod History M James.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/guuf0h186msfyv2/Snedecor%20Synod%20History%20M%20James.pdf?dl=0)

Presbyterian “family tree” from 1706 to present (Presbyterian Historical Society): <https://phs-app-media.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/theme-assets/presbyterian_family_connections_ocr_2mb.pdf>

Worship Resources:

* <http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/worship/pdfs/liturgical_resources_for_martin_luther_king.pdf>
* <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/race-relations-sunday-liturgy/>
* Episcopal Church Resources: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/resources-racial-reconciliation-and-justice>
* Liturgy and Resources from Facing Racism PCUSA page: <https://facing-racism.pcusa.org/item/41597/>

Timeline

Presbyterians and the American Revolutions:

* [https://allthingsliberty.com/2018/03/creating-american-nationalists-presbyterians-and-the-war-for-independence/ - \_edn1](https://allthingsliberty.com/2018/03/creating-american-nationalists-presbyterians-and-the-war-for-independence/#_edn1)

Presbyterians and the Civil War (as presented by the Presbyterian Historical Society):

* <https://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/exhibits/presbyterians-and-civil-war-page-1>
* <http://tb.history.pcusa.org/resources/exhibits/civil_war/>

1936: General Assembly minutes, 158

* Went on record to favor the repeal of the Asiatic exclusion act.

1937: General Assembly minutes, 223-224

* “We accept completely the ideal of the brotherhood of all races, as all are the children of God. We therefore call upon Christians everywhere to practice mutual good-will upon Christian everywhere to practice mutual good-will and cooperation among all racial groups, to eliminate every form of discrimination and to work actively for the recognition of the civil and religious rights of all minority groups.” (223)
* “We insist that the Negro and other racial groups be accorded the right of trial by a jury of his peers, from which there shall be no exclusion on account of color; that adequate measures be taken for the defense of those charged with crime; and that the same punishment be imposed on the guilty, regardless of his race.” (223)

1938: General Assembly minutes, 167-168

* Urge adoption of legislation to end lynching
* Persecution based on race in Germany, Austria, Rumania and other countries.

1939: General Assembly minutes, 195-197

* Lynching
* Interest in the Scottsboro case
* “We condemn every expression of race hatred wherever it appears in the world. We confess the sins of our country in this respect.”

1940: General Assembly minutes, 181-182

“We declare anew our determined allegiance to the Christian principle that all men are of one blood, all members of the same family of God, and urge the Church to employ all its spiritual resources against the unspeakable cruelty that flows from race prejudices and antipathies. We recognize that our common life has been enriched by contributions from not one by many racial groups and express appreciation for the part all have played in the development of our American democracy….we must insist that no majority or minority group shall abuse the privileges or prostitute the rights granted them under the Constitution, or use the freedom thus granted them to destroy freedom.”

1941: General Assembly minutes, 164

“We urge that our churches seek to foster in their communities the spirit that puts first our oneness as children of God, surmounting the differences between Jew and Gentile, black and white, Occidental and Oriental, foreign and American born. We rejoice in the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court that guarantees Negroes traveling accommodations equal to those afforded white people. We deplore the fact that federal legislation in regards to lynching still awaits enactment, and that barriers such as the poll tax disfranchise a host of our fellow citizens. We oppose any discriminations against the Negro in military services and in opportunities for employment in, and training for, the defense industries.”

1942:

* General Assembly minutes, 199: study into legislation in Congress “in which the federal government shall cause an investigation to be made whenever any state or government agency fails to protect the victims of a lynching mob.”
* Presbyterians and Japanese Internment (reflection on 1942 in 2017 blog post):
  + <https://www.history.pcusa.org/blog/2017/02/keeping-silence-executive-order-9066-75>
  + <https://www.history.pcusa.org/blog/2017/11/music-and-internment-japanese-americans>
  + <https://www.history.pcusa.org/blog/2017/02/juxtapositions-remembrance>

1943: General Assembly minutes, 201-203

* Support legislation to repeal the Oriental Exclusion Act
* Resettlement of citizens of Japanese descent
* Statement against anti-Semitism
* Support of civil liberties

1944: General Assembly minutes, pages 230-232

1946:

* Based on the actions of the 156th General Assembly and the Federal Council of Church of Christ in America, the General Assembly: “1) Be it resolved that this General Assembly concurring in the action of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, renounces the principle of segregation in race relations as undemocratic and unchristian, and calls upon synods, presbyteries, local churches, seminaries, colleges, and other church agencies and bodies to do likewise; and 2) Be it further resolved that the General Assembly commends the Department of Social Education and Action of the Board of Christian Education for undertaking the study of racial and cultural relations now in process and directs the Department to report to the next General Assembly recommendations whereby the Presbyterian Church may effectively work for a non-segregated society. We further recommend: 1) That this General Assembly call upon its members who belong to organizations still practicing racial discrimination to work for the elimination of such practices, and urge them to refrain from association with all groups that exist primarily for the purpose of fomenting strife and division on the basis of difference of race, religion, and culture. 2) That this General Assembly urge and encourage friendly approaches between races and between churches to materially lessen segregation and discrimination.”(Presbyterian Church USA General Assembly minutes, 1946, 211-212)

1947:

* Reference to pronouncements from 1928-1916: “These pronouncements oppose lynching, poll-tax, exploitation, intimidation, segregation, anti-Semitism, the discrimination against the Nisei and their families. These favor legal justice, Fair Employment Practices and Christian fellowship. Church members have long been urged to reexamine their own practices in all life’s relationships in the light of the teachings of Christ in the field of brotherhood.” (Presbyterian Church USA minutes, 1947, 200)
* “In view of the action of the 158th General Assembly commending the Division of Social Education and Action for undertaking the study of racial and cultural relations, through a specifically constituted Advisory Committee, representative of the church at large; and the General Assembly directive that said group is to report recommendations whereby the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America may effectively work for a non-segregated church and a non-segregated society to a subsequent Assembly, it is recommended: 1) That the General Assembly direct that said Advisory Committee change its name to the Committee on Racial and Cultural Relations. 2) That said committee of seven ministers and seven laymen be enlarged to twenty three: each of the four Boards and the General Council appointing one of its members, and the Moderator appointing two ministers and two laymen from the Church at large. 3) That the General Assembly direct said committee to recommend such measures and policies as will make the practice of the church in matters of public worship. administrative organization, church promotion and expansion conform to the standards to Christian fellowship and brotherhood taught by our Lord.” (Presbyterian Church USA General Assembly minutes, 1947, 201-202)

1949:

* The Disruptive Effects of the Negro Slavery Controversy Upon the Presbyterian Mission Among the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians by William L. Hiemstra. (Westminster Theological Journal, 11:2, May 1949): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/y7h3z18vfqdlcd1/Disruptive Effects of the Negro Slavery Upon the Presbyterian Missions Among the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/y7h3z18vfqdlcd1/Disruptive%20Effects%20of%20the%20Negro%20Slavery%20Upon%20the%20Presbyterian%20Missions%20AMong%20the%20Choctaw%20and%20Chickasaw%20Indians.pdf?dl=0)

1949-1995:

Highlights from the PCUSA General Assemblies from 1949-1995 in Chapter 8 of the Social Witness Policy: [https://www.dropbox.com/s/898gme5zyblitsz/Race and The Rights of Minorities in America %28ACSWP Compilation%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/898gme5zyblitsz/Race%20and%20The%20Rights%20of%20Minorities%20in%20America%20%28ACSWP%20Compilation%29.pdf?dl=0)

1954:

* The General Assembly faces the crisis in race relations : 1954-1962 by United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Board of Christian Education. A compilation of pronouncements and recommendations of the General Assembly of The United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. -- *Surveying the movement toward racial integration in May, 1962, the 174th General Assembly of*The United Presbyterian Church U.S.A., meeting in Denver, Colorado, charged that “our church and all its members still stand under the judgment of our Lord because of the continuing gap between professions of intent and performance of duty.” The Assembly called for clear and decisive initiative from ‘church leaders’ and intimated that over caution and timidity on the part of otherwise sincere supporters of integration may “have unwittingly supported the status quo or even permitted a strengthen of the forces that maintain segregation.”: [https://www.dropbox.com/s/rqik7a89mdfeatc/The General Assembly Faces the Crisis in Race Relations 1954-1962.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/rqik7a89mdfeatc/The%20General%20Assembly%20Faces%20the%20Crisis%20in%20Race%20Relations%201954-1962.pdf?dl=0)

1969:

* United Presbyterian Position on Race 1969 -- The Council on Church and Society in 1965 published a booklet “The General Assembly Faces the Crisis in Race relations, 1954-1964”..As a sequel to that publication we bring up-to-date the words and actions of the General Assembly since that publication: [https://www.dropbox.com/s/d1qtjfpi4bqie4v/United Presbyterian Position on Race 1969.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/d1qtjfpi4bqie4v/United%20Presbyterian%20Position%20on%20Race%201969.pdf?dl=0)

1970:

* A Perspective on Reunion by J. Oscar McCloud (Church and Society, 1970): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/1uwyqso9aiz4513/A Perspective on Reunion %28C%26S 1970%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/1uwyqso9aiz4513/A%20Perspective%20on%20Reunion%20%28C%26S%201970%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Black Caucus (Church and Society, 1970): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/hrpbi34gb3c0xcw/Black Caucus %281970%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/hrpbi34gb3c0xcw/Black%20Caucus%20%281970%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Black Manifesto: A Reappraisal by Sherman S. Roddy (Church and Society, 1970): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/gtzb0qsvq8kkfze/Black Manifesto A REAPPRAISAL %28C%26S 1970%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/gtzb0qsvq8kkfze/Black%20Manifesto%20A%20REAPPRAISAL%20%28C%26S%201970%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Book Review of Black Nationalism in America by Clarence L. Cave (Church and Society, 1970): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/3e1oromo23a08q5/Black Nationalism in America %281970%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/3e1oromo23a08q5/Black%20Nationalism%20in%20America%20%281970%29.pdf?dl=0)
* The Christian and the Self Development of People (Church and Society, 1970): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/agihsh446obqauf/Christian and Self Development of People %281970%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/agihsh446obqauf/Christian%20and%20Self%20Development%20of%20People%20%281970%29.pdf?dl=0)
* The Church in Crisis by Jefferson P. Rogers (Church and Society, 1970): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/bjwvbud4xxxznxy/Church Curriculum in Spanish %282000%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/bjwvbud4xxxznxy/Church%20Curriculum%20in%20Spanish%20%282000%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Race, Racism and Repression: The Black Manifesto (Church and Society, 1970): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/k0h5wd8gv53ntay/Race, Racism and Repression %281970%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/k0h5wd8gv53ntay/Race%2C%20Racism%20and%20Repression%20%281970%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Racism in America by Leslie R. Galbraith (Church and Society, 1970): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/r4ec0aarzzikaf4/Racism in America %281970%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/r4ec0aarzzikaf4/Racism%20in%20America%20%281970%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Racism in Suburbia by Robert Chapman (Church and Society, 1970): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/vgqaiz2ri9evt2u/Racism in Suburbia %28C%26S 1970%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/vgqaiz2ri9evt2u/Racism%20in%20Suburbia%20%28C%26S%201970%29.pdf?dl=0)
* White is Wonderful? by John Orr (Church and Society, 1970): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/hqqwxcnsuq2x8ua/White is Wonderful %28C%26S1970%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/hqqwxcnsuq2x8ua/White%20is%20Wonderful%20%28C%26S1970%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Review of White Racism: A Psychohistory (Church and Society, 1970): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/4evz8p84s82kxco/White Racism A Psychohistory %281970%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/4evz8p84s82kxco/White%20Racism%20A%20Psychohistory%20%281970%29.pdf?dl=0)

1971:

* A Primer on ‘Pression by J. William Yolton (Church and Society, 1971): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/8wo9qdpg5stcwl9/A Primer on %27Pression %281971%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/8wo9qdpg5stcwl9/A%20Primer%20on%20%27Pression%20%281971%29.pdf?dl=0)
* The Church and the Third World by Joao Da Veiga Coutinho (Church and Society, 1971): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/ia4b4cqur68wdjf/Church and the Third World %281971%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ia4b4cqur68wdjf/Church%20and%20the%20Third%20World%20%281971%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Civil Liberties in the 1970’s: The Charge of “Repression” (Church and Society, 1971): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/axm7hpylu40h9gf/Civil Liberties in the 1970s - The Charge of Repression %281971%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/axm7hpylu40h9gf/Civil%20Liberties%20in%20the%201970s%20-%20The%20Charge%20of%20Repression%20%281971%29.pdf?dl=0)
* From Protest to Self-Development by Gayraud S. Wilmore, Jr. (Church and Society, 1971): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/v3aunzxq1v9np1s/From Protest to Self Development %281971%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/v3aunzxq1v9np1s/From%20Protest%20to%20Self%20Development%20%281971%29.pdf?dl=0)
* The Future of Correction: Barren, Bleak and Hopeless? by Michael Meltsner (Church and Society, 1971): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/0vi30ei38giyb4e/Future of Correction - Barren, Bleak and Hopeless %281971%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/0vi30ei38giyb4e/Future%20of%20Correction%20-%20Barren%2C%20Bleak%20and%20Hopeless%20%281971%29.pdf?dl=0)
* National Committee on the Self Development of People (Church and Society, 1971): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/hvw0ly84qk8lqy7/National Committee on the Self Development of People %281971%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/hvw0ly84qk8lqy7/National%20Committee%20on%20the%20Self%20Development%20of%20People%20%281971%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Opportunities for Minority Development by Lucius Walker (Church and Society, 1971): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/bytvj6hudkxyn1v/Opportunities for Minority Development %281971%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/bytvj6hudkxyn1v/Opportunities%20for%20Minority%20Development%20%281971%29.pdf?dl=0)

1972:

* Hispanic Americans and Liberation by Gilberto Marrero (Church and Society, 1972): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/h8dyter0i8guxo3/Hispanic Americans and Liberation %281972%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/h8dyter0i8guxo3/Hispanic%20Americans%20and%20Liberation%20%281972%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Human Liberation and Development: The Case of La Nueva Raza by Antonio A. Medina (Church and Society, 1972): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/qf2qtvrelpnas27/Human Liberation and Development %281972%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/qf2qtvrelpnas27/Human%20Liberation%20and%20Development%20%281972%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Liberation: A Third World Perspective by Poikail John George (Church and Society, 1972): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/q7kiydt10eii9bq/Liberation A Third World Perspective %281972%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/q7kiydt10eii9bq/Liberation%20A%20Third%20World%20Perspective%20%281972%29.pdf?dl=0)
* On Liberation and Black Women by Mary Kenyatta (Church and Society, 1972): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/386rtnxd49qizrj/On Liberation and Black Women %281972%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/386rtnxd49qizrj/On%20Liberation%20and%20Black%20Women%20%281972%29.pdf?dl=0)

1974:

* Asian American Churches and Social Involvement by Nicholas Iyoya (Church and Society, 1974): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/i4w1x4fmsgf5r2l/Asian American Churches and Social Invovement %281974%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/i4w1x4fmsgf5r2l/Asian%20American%20Churches%20and%20Social%20Invovement%20%281974%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Pacific Islanders: A Perplexed, Neglected Minority by Faye Untalan Munoz (Church and Society, 1974): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/5nrrrfg286d1ro7/Pacific Islanders A Perplexed Neglected Minority %281974%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/5nrrrfg286d1ro7/Pacific%20Islanders%20A%20Perplexed%20Neglected%20Minority%20%281974%29.pdf?dl=0)
* People and Land (Church and Society, 1974): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/iyxlgyjjtffh7nq/People and Land %281974%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/iyxlgyjjtffh7nq/People%20and%20Land%20%281974%29.pdf?dl=0)
* “Shikata Ga Nai”: Legal Justice and the Asian American by Dale Minami (Church and Society, 1974): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/wfvhmaq7cr8be2v/Shikata Ga Nai Legal Justice and the Asian American %281974%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/wfvhmaq7cr8be2v/Shikata%20Ga%20Nai%20Legal%20Justice%20and%20the%20Asian%20American%20%281974%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Stereotyping and the Asian American by Amy Tachiki (Church and Society, 1984): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/sh6jf9mjk8owk9u/Stereotyping and the Asian American %281974%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/sh6jf9mjk8owk9u/Stereotyping%20and%20the%20Asian%20American%20%281974%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Success Through Education: The Asian American Myth by Florence Yoshiwara (Church and Society, 1974): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/h09wk5bhimnsn4i/Success Through Education The Asian American Myth %281974%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/h09wk5bhimnsn4i/Success%20Through%20Education%20The%20Asian%20American%20Myth%20%281974%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Why an Asian American Theology of Liberation? by Dennis Loo (Church and Society, 1974): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/xhm8cv3h54chrlp/Why an Asian American Theology of Liberation %281974%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/xhm8cv3h54chrlp/Why%20an%20Asian%20American%20Theology%20of%20Liberation%20%281974%29.pdf?dl=0)

1975:

* Bicentennial From a Black Christian Perspective by William L. Eichelberger (Church and Society, 1975): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/cj9b30dwlf8zse3/Bicentennial from a Black Christian Perspective %281975%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/cj9b30dwlf8zse3/Bicentennial%20from%20a%20Black%20Christian%20Perspective%20%281975%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Walking the Tightrope in South Africa by Joel Carlson (Church and Society, 1975): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/lx3xq60m0ihlhv7/Walking the Tightrope in South Africa %281975%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/lx3xq60m0ihlhv7/Walking%20the%20Tightrope%20in%20South%20Africa%20%281975%29.pdf?dl=0)

1977:

* Actions of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A (Church and Society, 1977): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/whvfh8s7si973mt/General Assembly %281977%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/whvfh8s7si973mt/General%20Assembly%20%281977%29.pdf?dl=0)
* Diversity and Inclusiveness by Robert McAfee Brown (Church and Society, 1977): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/sw9gmulp25nmjdh/Notes for a study of experiential contextual theologies in the US %281977%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/sw9gmulp25nmjdh/Notes%20for%20a%20study%20of%20experiential%20contextual%20theologies%20in%20the%20US%20%281977%29.pdf?dl=0)
* What “Independence” for the Transkei? (Church and Society, 1977): [https://www.dropbox.com/s/se3ui66nuzr11e7/What Independence for the Transkei %281977%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/se3ui66nuzr11e7/What%20Independence%20for%20the%20Transkei%20%281977%29.pdf?dl=0)

1978:

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1983:

* 195th General Assembly
  + “The Council on Church and Race is urged to identify and analyze the justice issues affecting Japanese in America and to consider strategies for dealing with these issues.” (p. 459)
  + On Theological Colloquiums
    - Native American Colloquium was held in December 1981
    - Asian American Colloquium held in May 1982
    - Black Colloquium was held in fall of 1982
    - Plans are underway for a Hispanic Colloquium to be held in 1984
    - A final report is to be brought to the 196th General Assembly in 1984
  + Comprehensive Strategy for Racial Justice in the 1980’s
    - Vision for “A Church and world embodying God’s Kingdom of peace through love and justice.”
    - Comprehensive goal: “United Presbyterian Church participating in and providing a preview of God’s Kingdom thorugh its work in each and every dimension of racial justice through its inclusion of all United Presbyterian members and entities in such work, and through its creative use of a variety of activities and tactics to achieve such justice.”
    - See minutes from p. 458-471
  + “On training program for committees on representation” (p.814)
    - “That the 195th General Assembly (1983) instruct the General Assembly Council to authorize a provisional committee on Representation no later than December 31, 1983. In order to implement this process, the members shall be nominated by the Permanent Nominating Committee for appointment by the Moderator until election by the 196th General Assembly (1984); and….to institute a program, including the development of a model that can be used in the governing bodies for training Committees on Representation in the responsibility, the authority, and appropriate strategies for this committee. The model for training shall be available by October 15, 1983, if possible…” (p. 67-68)

1984:

* 196th General Assembly:
  + “The Council on Church and Race sponsored a Churchwide Racial Ethnic Staff Consultation on April 10-12 at the Stony Point Center in Stony Point, NY. This was done in partnership with the Atlanta-based Council on Church and Race.” (32.003)
    - Approximately 60 persons attended
    - Purpose: “1) to articulate the concerns and hopes of the racial-ethnic staff in preparation for and anticipation of reunion between the former Presbyterian Church U.S. and the United Presbyterian Church, 2) to call upon the new church to express repentence for its complicity with racism by recommitting time and resources to the cause of racial justice and 3) to call upon racial-ethnic constituencies to help the new church to be faithful to its expressed commitments to racial justice by joining hands in the common struggle against the obstacles that separate God’s children on the basis of race.” (32.005)
  + The Council on Church and Race celebrated 20th anniversary.
  + Reports were given from the various racial ethnic colloquiums (32.049-32.086)
  + “Resolution on the Participation of Racial Ethnic Youth in the Armed Forces” passed to “form an advisory committee on vocational alternatives to military service for racial-ethnic youth.” (32.087-32.095)

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* 197th General Assembly
  + “Opposition to Racism in the U.S.A. and South Africa” referred to request that the Program Agency “engage in a major effort to further educate all members of the church on the issue of racism…[and] request[ed] the Program Agency and General Assembly Mission Board to increase their support of the South African Council of Churches and to support other efforts in South African director toward the peaceful end of the separation of races.” (35.126)
  + Racial Ethnic Study report (34.055-34.068)
    - included adding racial/ethnic categories into the statistical reporting process
    - “That racial ethnic constituencies in many ways remain isolated from the majority church. While leadership may feel some ownership in the church, the constituencies have little reason to respond to any attempts to include them in the shaping of mission through the usual methods of data gathering.” (34.065)
    - “Current information indicates the need for greater use of researchers from the culture being surveyed-studied and greater use of face-to-face interviews rather than paper survey techniques.” (34.066)

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