

Racial Justice Resources – November 2020

The Racial Justice Team has been charged with providing concrete examples and practices to show the way for the broader Judson community to “make the beloved community a reality.” Our intent is to provide a range of educational, reflective, and action-oriented practices monthly. Past suggestions can be found on the Judson Website under the ACT tab. **If you have a resource you’d like to share, please email Carley Watts and we will add them to our resource “library.”** carleybwatts@gmail.com.

Recommendations this month come from the Judson Community. Thank you!

Books:

- **The Overground Railroad, The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America**, by Candacy Taylor. “This new book revisits the nesting stories behind the “Green Book,” which helped Black tourists navigate racial minefields implicit in a road trip.... Taylor draws a compelling map connecting the legacy of institutional racism — decades of government disinvestment, redlining and the fight for adequate schools — that has left neighborhoods as discards or afterthoughts. She advocates for readers to use these stories as inspiration to actively build on the foundation Green laid.” Los Angeles Times review. **(Recommended by Laura O’Halloran.)**
- **From Here to Equality, Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century**, by William A. Darity and A.Kirsten Mullen. The authors offer a detailed roadmap for an effective reparations program, including a substantial payment to each documented U.S. black descendant of slavery. The book was highlighted at the ABC/RGR reparation session **(Recommended by Jean Hayes)**
- **Rest for the Justice-Seeking Soul**, by Susan K. Williams Smith. This book offers ninety daily meditations - a soul-care manual - for social justice-seeking believers who stand in constant vigilance against all forms of racial, class, and gender oppression. **(Recommended by Marlys Wiens.)**

Video

- **How Many Breaths** A multimedia work for solo violin and spoken word sewn together with images of street art and demonstration footage captured from around the Twin Cities during the summer of 2020. Narration is done by Lou Bellamy and Sarah Bellamy of Penumbra Theater, music composed by Steve Heitzeg, violinist Ariana Kim. **(Recommended by Leslie Rapp)** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_6jQQGX9uw
- **What Really Happened at Standing Rock** Features an exclusive interview with Chase Iron Eyes, Lead Counsel for the Lakota Peoples’ Law Project. The video describes the Dakota Access Pipeline protests in depth and in relation to the present moment. **(Recommended by Beth Waterhouse)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oiA3FWbqAvo&feature=youtu.be>

Action

YouthLink Volunteer Opportunities. This month we partner with the Youth Experiencing Homelessness Action Group to highlight a way to support their work. YouthLink is in need of winter clothing and kits to provide youth with supplies needed to face the winter months. Details are on the next page. If questions, please contact kathyurbaniak@gmail.com

Youth Experiencing Homelessness Volunteer Actions

Volunteer Option #1 – “Make Your Own Kits”

1. A kit or box/package of new gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, and warm socks to give to those experiencing homelessness.
2. A kit or ziplock baggy for staff when doing outreach on the streets to give out. Items would include: a mask, small bottle of hand sanitizer, a snack (granola bar, etc.), and a small bottle of water. Also, travel size shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, etc.
3. A kit or box/package of “move in” items for those finding housing. Items needed are small bottles of laundry detergent, dish soap, toiletry items, toilet paper, wash cloths, towels, and full size sheets.

Volunteer Option #2 – Donate clothing to Youth Link

Our top 3 needs are:

1. **Winter coats, gloves, hats and warm socks**
3. **Basic clothing - leggings, joggers, sweatpants, jeans, hoodies, sweatshirts and long-sleeve shirts**
2. **Underwear, socks and bras** (all sizes of men's and women's, NEW ONLY)

Right now, we will begin to accept slightly used clothes (provided they are in good condition and WASHED). [You can view all donations we will accept here.](#)

The other option is to search for and purchase these needed items from our [Amazon Smile wish list](#), where they will be sent directly to YouthLink upon your purchased donation.

Instructions for delivering your items to Youth Link

Items can be dropped off Monday-Friday from 8am to 6pm at YouthLink: 41 N 12th St., Minneapolis, MN 55403. Please call ahead if you would like to drop off items outside of these days and hours: 612-252-1200. You may pull around to the parking lot located behind the YouthLink building off of Chestnut St. There is a door back there with a doorbell. You may ring it and the welcome desk will let you in to drop off your donations or assist you in bringing in your donations.