

Recommended Reading

On June 14 the Connectional A.M.E. Church held a Virtual Graduation Ceremony for High School and College graduates worldwide. The baccalaureate address was given by The Senior Bishop of the A.M.E. Church, Bishop Adam J. Richardson. During his address he recommended a number of books as reading for both students and non-students. As AME's, reading these books supports our understanding of our history, our emphasis on social justice and our 2020 Vision as a denomination. Please consider the following for your summer reading list:

1. *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Brian Stephenson, New York: Random House, 2014
2. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, by Michelle Alexander, New York: The New Press, 2012
3. *Letter from a Birmingham Jail* by Martin Luther King, Jr.
https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html
4. *The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement Is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear* by William J. Barber II, Boston: Beacon Press, 2016
5. *Freedom's Prophet: Bishop Richard Allen, the AME Church, and the Black Founding Fathers* by Richard S. Newman, New York: New York University Press, 2018
6. *What Truth Sounds Like: Robert F. Kennedy, James Baldwin, and Our Unfinished Conversation About Race in America* by Michael Eric Dyson, New York: St. Martin's Press, 2018
7. *Freestyle: Reflections on Faith, Family, Justice, and Pop Culture* by Michael W. Waters, Nashville: Fresh Air Books, 2014
8. *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi, New York: Bold Type Books, 2016
9. *We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, New York: Penguin Random House, 2017
10. *The Rise and Fall of Black Wall Street* by Robin Walker, Reklaw Education, 2010
11. *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly, New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2016

12. *The African Methodist Episcopal Church: A History* by Dennis C. Dickerson, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press,