

**The following letter comes from our Challenging White Supremacy Working Group in 2017 and includes a resource list**

Dear Friends –

We were heartened by the energy and commitment at Sessions this year to deepen our work of challenging white supremacy and working for racial justice. Throughout the week, we heard the call for us to both do more internal work among Friends and more external work out in the world. We invite each of you reading this to make a commitment this month to more deeply engage in the work of challenging white supremacy and working for racial justice. We offer the following resources to support you in your on-going learning and action.

If you were unable to attend Sessions, you can watch [Ruby Sales' powerful keynote](#) here. You can [get a copy of the presentation](#) that the Challenging White Supremacy Working Group gave here.

As the Challenging White Supremacy Working Group in NEYM, we are a resource and conduit for the work of local meetings and Friends. Please let us know what you are doing and what you need to keep doing the work. We can be reached at [CWS@neym.org](mailto:CWS@neym.org)

In faith and service,

Susan Davies, clerk; Xinef Afriam, Fran Brokaw, Jeremiah Dickinson, Lisa Graustein, Anita Mendes, Carole Rein, Julie de Sherbinin, and Mary Zwirner

**Get Educated**

An [article on the language](#) of polite white supremacy

[ColorLines](#) —award-winning journalism on U.S. current events from a racial justice and intersectional perspective

An [article on the hidden racism](#) in spiritually progressive language and groups

Workshop materials, reading lists, and many other resources of the Racial, Social, and Economic Justice Committee

**For Parents & First Day School Teachers:**

[How to Talk to Your Kids about the Violence in Charlottesville](#)

[The Do's and Don't's of Talking to Kids of Color about White Supremacy](#)

[8 Tips for Talking with White Kids about Racism, Violence, and Charlottesville](#)

[My Reflection Matters](#): on-line resource for books curricula, and resources for multi-racial youth

[Free racial justice curriculum](#) for junior high and high school First Day school; can also be used for intergenerational programs at meetings

**Take Action:**

[Friends Committee on National Legislation](#)—information on pending legislation and what to say to your representatives.

[American Friends Service Committee](#)

The following are regional and national organizations dedicated to justice and focusing on groups who are particularly targeted right now. They all offer information, ways to engage, and opportunities to support their work.

- [Asian American Resource Workshop](#)
- [Black Lives Matter](#)
- [Centro Presente](#)
- [Council on American Islamic Relations](#)
- [Life After Hate](#)
- [North American Indian Center of Boston](#)
- [Southern Poverty Law Center](#)
- [Showing Up for Racial Justice](#)

While we pray for justice and peace, we also want to remind Friends of these two resources for responding to local and national injustices:

[Preparing Your Meeting for Called Worship](#)

[Supporting Young People After a Tragedy](#)