

## Faith and Racial Justice: Changing Systems and Structures Book List

### ***The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness***

By Michelle Alexander

*The New Jim Crow* is a provides an account of the rebirth of a caste-like system in the United States, one that has resulted in millions of African Americans locked behind bars and then relegated to a permanent second-class status—denied the very rights supposedly won in the Civil Rights Movement. Since its publication in 2010, the book has appeared on the *New York Times* bestseller list for more than a year; been dubbed the “secular bible of a new social movement” by numerous commentators; and has led to consciousness-raising efforts in universities, churches, community centers, re-entry centers, and prisons nationwide. *The New Jim Crow* tells a truth our nation has been reluctant to face.

### ***Building a Movement to End the New Jim Crow: An Organizing Guide***

By Daniel Hunter

*Building a Movement to End the New Jim Crow* organizing guide puts tools in your hands to help you, your group and your church community understand how to make meaningful, effective change. Learn about your role in movement-building and how to pick and build campaigns that contribute towards the growing national effort to dismantle the largest penal system in the world. This important resource offers examples from the current movement to dismantle injustice in the U.S. penal system, examples from other movements, time-tested organizing techniques, and vision and inspiration to challenge, encourage, and motivate individuals and groups to work for change.

### ***40 Days of Prayer***

By Cheri Mills

Throughout the 400 years since the first “20 and odd Negroes” were brought to the British colonies, American Descendants of Slavery have experienced a Black Holocaust: enslavement, black codes, sharecropping, Jim Crow, lynchings, convict leasing, redlining, restrictive covenants, police brutality, subprime lending, mass incarceration, all of which have resulted in the ghettoization/impoverishment of black communities across America. Contained within each daily prayer and reflection page is an excerpt from the documentary, *The Underground Rail Road: A Record*, by William Still. Each excerpt is followed by a collection of historical facts revealing the ongoing systemic oppression leveled against our black forebears who were first enslaved and that continued against American Descendants of Slavery, and a Prayer Declaration adapted from Isaiah 40.

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