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Dear Friends,

"If you were going to Nigeria on vacation, you would google, look up the CIA Factbook, watch videos, read Wikipedia and find one or two people from Nigeria to talk to even if it is your mechanic or your cousin's former dentist's housekeeper or the head of the neurosurgery department of the local hospital." -Iyabo Onipede

I love this analogy from Iyabo Onipede. We can use those same research skills to learn about racism and White Supremacy. This week's Orange Desk provides a few curated lists of resources to get you started:

[Protest Options: A List of Links to Petitions, Donations, Resources and Education](#)

[Understanding and Dismantling Racism: A Book List for White Readers](#)

[A Detailed List of Anti-Racism Resources](#)

[Talking to Kids About Racism](#)

[Anti-Racism Resources from Greater Good](#)

Personally, I would start with these books: *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi, *Citizen: An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine, *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin, *The Fire This Time* by Jesmyn Ward, and *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. Don't buy these from Amazon. [Buy them from a Black-owned independent bookstore.](#)

Iyabo Onipede also shared a visual worth investigating. Social change movements require people in various roles. What is your role in social justice? What role are you drawn to?

Mapping Our Roles in A Social Change Ecosystem



Other Links Worth Checking Out

Feliks' [new favorite dinner](#) is easy to make and delicious.

[Black Feminist Perspectives on COVID-19: A Reading List](#)

[Something](#) I really wish I had written.

Coming Up

Hard Conversations: Whiteness, Race, and Social Justice

“Until you can recognize you are living a racialized life and you’re having racialized experiences every moment of every day, you can’t actually engage people of other races around the idea of justice.” Whitney Dow, “The Whiteness Project.” We must understand our whiteness and the power it wields. This five-week course explores whiteness, white supremacy, and race as a social construct, among other topics.

Two cohorts are starting soon in June and July. [Go here](#) for information.

Hard Conversations: An Introduction to Racism

A five-week online class focused on systemic and structural racism, white privilege and white fragility, the myth of colorblindness, and how to be an effective ally. [Go here](#) for information. Starts July 1.



LIFE IS A VERB CAMP 2021

We postponed Camp 2020 until May 2021 because of COVID-19 safety concerns. There are spaces available if you'd like to join us in the mountains of North Carolina for four days of fun, art, music, poetry, and an amazing community of humans.

May 20-23, 2021. [Go here](#) for information.



ONLINE FREE WEEKLY GATHERINGS:

During this pandemic, I will host a weekly tea-time on Zoom for whoever would like to show up! Who knows what we will discuss! You can join me on **Thursdays from 4-4:45 pm Eastern** in [this Zoom room](#).

We have an innate need for community, and the technology to create community spaces.

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