

# AWAKENING TO THE VIOLENCE OF SYSTEMIC RACISM

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Sherine Green, a member of the MSJC Immigrant Justice Team, has co-authored a new book, *Awakening to the Violence of Systemic Racism*. Here are her reflections about the book:

*We believe there is a tremendous need for many white people who live in isolation of African American people to understand how African American people feel about the insults and injuries they suffer as a result of living within a dominant culture where many believe they are superior to African American people.*

*Awakening is intended to open white people's hearts and minds to a greater understanding of the magnitude, severity and insidiousness of the structural injustice and institutionalized violence of racism that permeates virtually all of our institutions. It focuses on this injustice through the lens of the Gospels. It touches on only a few of the ways African American people have been controlled, abused and exploited for the benefit of white people. The chapters include:*

- *Mass incarceration and how our justice system discriminates against African American people*
- *Discrimination in housing*
- *Discrimination in education*
- *Environmental racism*
- *Suppression of African American voters*
- *Healthcare disparities suffered by African American people*
- *Wealth and income disparities suffered by African American people*

*We hope to awaken people's hearts by including between each chapter a photograph and remarks made by African American people about their experiences related to a specific chapter and the most important thing that they think white people should know about racism.*

The book is available through [Paulist Press](#).

