

Year of Discovery – Helpful resources

Primary Documents:

Doctrine of Discovery (English translation):

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/sites/default/files/inline-pdfs/T-04093.pdf>

ELCA Repudiation of Doctrine of Discovery 2016:

<http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/RepudiationDoctrineOfDiscoverySPR2016.pdf>

Northern Great Lakes Synod Resolution – A Year of Discovery:

<https://jwwmedia.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/ngls/yod/Synod%20Resolution%20for%20Year%20of%20Discovery.pdf>

Articles:

Vance Blackfox, **Reflection on the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly’s Repudiation**

https://www.elca.org/JLE/Articles/1202?_ga=2.211378261.1985872786.1592237917-1362125866.1503510635

Tink Tinker, **The Doctrine of Christian Discovery: Lutherans and the Language of Empire,**

https://elca.org/JLE/Articles/1203?_ga=2.165782782.1985872786.1592237917-1362125866.1503510635

Angela Weiler, **The Requerimiento** (1513) (Description of legal statement written by an advisor to the King of Spain, used to justify violent treatment of native Americans who refused to be converted)

<https://press.rebus.community/openamlit/chapter/the-requerimiento/>

Books which open eyes and hearts:

Mark Charles, ***Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery***

James Loewen, ***Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got***

Wrong (note especially chapter: “1493: The True Importance of Christopher Columbus)

Barry Lopez, ***The Rediscovery of North America***

Classical works on Native American history, tradition, and culture

Dee Brown, ***Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee***

John Neidhart, ***The Sixth Grandfather*** (this includes ***Black Elk Speaks***)

Theology and Religion

Vine DeLoria, **God is Red: A Native View of Religion** and **Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto**

New Histories:

Pekka Hamalainen **Lakota America: A New History of Indigenous Power** (while this book deals specifically with the story of Lakota people, it provides a wide view of the effect of colonial and US expansion and policy on all native tribes in the US and Canada)

Michael Johnson, **Ojibwa: People of Forests and Prairies**

Ojibwa specific:

Edward Benton-Banai, ***The Mishomis Book: The Voice of the Ojibway*** (Appropriate for middle/high school youth)

Basil Johnston--***Ojibway Ceremonies, The Manitous, Ojibway Heritage, Tales the Elders Told, Indian School Days*** and many others

Jason Kuerschke, Cedar Tree Institute, ***The Cross and the Sacred Pipe: An Overview of Christian Missions with Native Americans of Michigan's Upper Peninsula*** (few copies of this short document remain in print at present)

Video presentation

The Episcopal Church—The Episcopal Church Exposes the Doctrine of Discovery:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drLnI_k5b6s&

Other resources are available on the Northern Great Lakes Synod Website, under “Year of Discovery Resources”