

TikTok Creators to Check Out and Follow

One way congregations can de-center whiteness and decolonize is to use video to bring a wide variety of voices and experiences into our sanctuaries and meetings.

Below, you'll find a list of TikTok creators. This is not an exhaustive list, but it's a good example of what's available on TikTok. The first examples are a bit longer than is typical (most TikTok videos are under 3 minutes). While you're watching these videos, if you like them, look at the video description for hashtags, and put those same hashtags in the search bar to find more videos like theirs!

I've included links to sample videos. If you open the links on a computer, you do NOT need to download TikTok. The videos may default to no sound when viewed on a computer--move your cursor over the video and click on the speaker icon at the bottom of the video to turn on sound.

You can also go to [tiktok.com](https://www.tiktok.com/) and use the search bar to search for topics like "Navajo culture," then click the "video" tab to see top videos on that topic. Using the search feature WILL prompt you to create an account. Feel free to share these with others! You can find my own content at <https://www.tiktok.com/@disorganized.religion>.

At the very least, these videos may give folks an idea of the kind of content available on platforms like TikTok.

Ciarra

@thegardeningtheologian

Cal and Harvard alum DEI Consultant and theological deconstruction expert, with an emphasis on well-being.

Example:

On bypassing workshops in favor of organizational policy when considering implicit bias training: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZPRTaCatx/>

Jamyle Cannon

@jamylecannon

Educator, community organizer, youth leader, non-profit director. Insights into community organizing, race, parenthood, and non-profit leadership.

Examples:

A New Take on the Creation of Community Spaces: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZTLjLLrLF/>

On Migrants in Chicago, racism and white supremacy: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZTLj8nB7p/>

Professor Casey

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@professorcasey

Information Science professor, PhD/JD, tech, ethics, law, internet, and academia - a great account to follow to keep up with topics like how to use technology ethically and in ways that decenter whiteness.

Example:

Explaining racist bridges: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZPRTaP2EK/>

Lever the Bassman

@leverthebassman

Louisiana native, Black historian, and educator

Examples:

History of Black barbershops: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8AhVs3D/>

The religion of whiteness: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8AhffPP/>

The Star Spangled Banner: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8Ah5M4V/>

Aketch Joy Winne

@aketchjoywinne

Ugandan woman who educates people about life in her village and Africa more broadly.

Examples:

African cultures and community: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8SoYXGP/>

Cooking with fire stones: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8SoRV4o/>

Pastor Paul Drees

@pastorpauldrees

An example of the many #progressiveclergy active on TikTok! Search the hashtag @progressiveclergy for more like this!

Example:

On the Holy Spirit breaking open hearts to neighbors: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZTLjL9FB1/>

StyleLikeU

@stylelikeu

Interviews with people from many walks of life.

Example:

Identifying as “Latino” vs “Indigenous”: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8Ah215v/>

Rabbi Sandra

A Queer Black Jewish Rabbi who does education on Judaism on TikTok

Example:

Reflection on the week’s Torah portion: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZTLjLkKyL/>

Emilee Segura

@emileesegura

Deaf educator with a cochlear implant sharing her life experiences

Examples:

Dinner Table Syndrome: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8AmCGoa/>

ASL value for people with cochlear implants: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8Amh5N7/>

The Conscious Lee

@theconsciouslee

NAACP Image Award nominee, professor and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion instructor.

Examples:

On Transphobia and Misogynoir: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZTLj8oSx8/>

Blair Imani

@blairimani

Author, educator, and author of *Read This to Get Smarter*, “an approachable guide to being an informed, compassionate and socially conscious person.” She discusses race, gender, sexual orientation, and disability.

Examples:

Explaining “privilege”: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8AhdP7L/>

The racist pyramids built by aliens myth: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8AhJDvC/>

Ernest Crim III

@mrcrim3

Black History teacher and speaker

Examples:

Red Lobster: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8ArELdR/>

Aunt Polly: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8Ah67nj/>

Ida Helene Benonisen

@idabenoni

Indigenous Sámi creator in Norway educating people about her culture

Example:

Assimilation policies: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8Ah2mY7/>

JemarTisby

@jemartisby

Professor of African American History at Simmons College of Kentucky.

Examples:

The Montgomery brawl: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8AhQVkf/>

On Ganvie, Benin (African safe haven from enslavers): <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8AhfhFd/>

Amalia

@thewildamalia

Polyglot Jewish and Buddhist woman who translates texts for Buddhist temples in Mongolia and Tibet - lots of videos about Tibetan and Mongolian culture, including interviews with local people.

Examples:

Ger district in Mongolia: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8Ah687j/>

Lhabab Duchen holiday: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8AhRVDS/>

Ashani Mfuko

@ashanimfuko

Anti-racism educator and host of the @antiracismschool podcast.

Example:

Questions to ask in conversations about systemic racism: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8ArTYBK/>

Miss Mary

@maklaks_74

Insights into Indigenous life in Alaska including cooking.

Example:

Making fermented whale: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8AroE3U/>

Andre Henry

@theandrehenry

Singer-songwriter, theologian and truth-teller

Examples:

A song about the experience of racial trauma: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8AhyTdP/>

A song about the experience of poverty: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8AhQ4uS/>