



On April 12, 1963, eight local white clergymen wrote an open letter called “A Call for Unity” in response to civil rights demonstrations taking place in the area at the time, and it was published in The Birmingham News. In the letter, they took issue with events “directed and led in part by outsiders,” and they urged activists to engage in local negotiations and to use the courts if rights were being denied, rather than to protest. The term “outsider” was a thinly veiled reference to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. responded by writing the “Letter from Birmingham Jail” on April 16, 1963. The “Letter from Birmingham Jail” was widely published and became an important text for the civil rights movement. The letter has been described as “one of the most important historical documents penned by a modern political prisoner” and is considered a classic document of civil disobedience. Please join us in discussion.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Thursday, January
16, 2025, at 2pm

Meetings are now
part of the Racial
Justice meetings.

We will have 3 to 4
selections per year:
books, movies, or
shows

Let us know any
recommendations
you have.