

# Anti-Racist Study Group

On August 1, 2022 the Anti-Racist Study Group will begin reading Homeland Elegies by Ayad Akhtar, one of the New York Times 10 Best Books of the Year 2020.

Little, Brown and Company describes it:

A deeply personal work about identity and belonging in a nation coming apart at the seams, *Homeland Elegies* blends fact and fiction to tell an epic story of longing and dispossession in the world that 9/11 made. Part family drama, part social essay, part picaresque novel, at its heart it is the story of a father, a son, and the country they both call home.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ayad Akhtar forges a new narrative voice to capture a country in which debt has ruined countless lives and the gods of finance rule, where immigrants live in fear, and where the nation's unhealed wounds wreak havoc around the world. Akhtar attempts to make sense of it all through the lens of a story about one family, from a heartland town in America to palatial suites in Central Europe to guerrilla lookouts in the mountains of Afghanistan, and spares no one—least of all himself—in the process.

**We chose this novel to deepen our understanding of the lived experience of immigrants and others at the margins in our society with the hope of making us more aware of the dynamics within the United States and ultimately expanding our own compassion and empathy.**

**We meet on Zoom on Mondays from 12:30 – 1:30 ET. We welcome newcomers; joining us for just this book is fine.** Please contact Pastor Thom or Cat Greenstreet (catgreenstreet@gmail.com) if you are interested.

