



*"Hate won't win" -- Alana Simmons to her grandfather's killer in Charleston.*

When nine people lost their lives in a white supremacist attack at Mother Emanuel church in Charleston, the community responded to the shooting with both extraordinary forgiveness toward the perpetrator and a firm commitment to racial justice. This ultimately inspired their state to take down the confederate flag, which has been an affront to Black Americans for more than 150 years.

This is a striking example of the work needed to create a just and loving world: teaching children the hows and whys of empathy, and the core skills for activism.

Ripple Effects multimedia tutorials, matched to a pivotal sentence in the eulogy delivered by President Obama at Mother Emmanuel Church, provide a powerful, three-part lesson in the relationship between self-awareness, empathy, and

social justice.

## ***Justice depends upon recognition of ourselves . . .***



Ripple Effects lessons: Knowing myself (strengths/weaknesses, values, temperament, creativity, community background)

***... in each other.***



Ripple Effects lessons: identifying with others (similarities and differences, perspective taking, predicting others feelings, avoiding stereotypes.)

*My liberty depends on your being free too.*



Ripple Effects lessons: confronting injustice, race, class, gender, religion, sexual orientation.