**Practical Restitution Suggestions**

*From Another Country: Social Restitution[[1]](#footnote-1)*

**Working alongside government and other institutions**

***Infrastructure and services***

* Create a restitution tax to eradicate the bucket toilet system
* Upgrade townships through cross-subsiding the upkeep of the suburbs
* Accountability to end corruption

***Education***

* Create bursaries
* Strengthen teaching in township schools
* De-and re-colourise schools – integrate schools
* Teach tutorials in communities and start homework clubs

***Land and wealth redistribution***

* National referendum on land reform
* Restitutive finances: debt, wages, loans and compensation
* A salary-increase moratorium for high earners

***Employment***

* Offer training for people in affirmative action positions
* Offer stakes in business, employ more people
* Work experience and mentorship programmes recognised as part of BEE
* Local business fund and focus

**Opportunities for groups and individual initiatives**

***Develop common purpose***

* Treat people with *Ubuntu*/respect
* Challenge ‘single stories’ and social perceptions that are harmful
* Learn a local language

***Uplift communities***

* Join and serve on Boards of community organisations
* Financially support community organisations
* Get practically involved on the ground
* Dissolve social boundaries
* Organise events across our social and geographic divides
* Consider carefully things like property choices and where you live

***Use faith spaces to bring people together***

* Address racial divisions in the church
* Integrate through equal partnership
* Teach about racism, equality and restitution

***Engage in dialogue***

* Have transformative and courageous conversations about race, privilege and symbolic violence
* Learn our, and other African countries’ history
* Write and create children’s stories to explain the past

***Mentoring***

* Mentoring programme for young people
* Mentoring people in business

***Sharing inheritances and assets***

* Change your will to include non-family members
* Sharing of holiday homes and swimming pools

There is no limit to ideas. These are just a few that could get people in churches and communities thinking about ways to truly share South Africa’s resources well, and give back in order to move forward. Be encouraged to gather people of all ages together to discuss other options, develop these ideas and more.

1. (Swartz, S 2016. Another Country. Social Restitution. Cape Town: HSRC Press) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)