



RACIAL JUSTICE RISING

MASS SLAVERY APOLOGY



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Resources for Racial Justice

8/20/16

Our occasional e-newsletter, usually published once or twice a month, with links to events, articles, videos, websites, & more relating to racism & racial justice.

Racial Justice Rising's activities:

~ PLEASE JOIN US AS WE RESUME OUR MONTHLY PROGRAM SERIES ~

Saturday, September 10, 10:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m. (doors open at 9:45)

LOCAL SPEAK-OUT:

How are you feeling about the escalating violence against Black, Brown, and immigrant people?

Facilitated by Gloria Matlock and Keyedrya Jacobs

The facilitators will create a safe space for all participants to share their experiences, an opportunity for those targeted by racism to share what they need from potential white allies, and an opportunity to talk about the impact on you, personally, of these disturbing and unacceptable racist incidents.

FREE

First Congregational Church of Greenfield, 43 Silver Street, Greenfield MA 01301

Free childcare. Please [RSVP](#) with number of ages of children

For more info: email@racialjusticerising.org or www.racialjusticerising.org

See videos of our programs and more on Racial Justice Rising's [YouTube channel](#).



VIGIL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Every Saturday morning 9-10 a.m.

Greenfield Town Common
~ Please join us ~

Co-sponsored by Racial Justice Rising and the Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition

Racial Justice Rising & Not In Our Town (NIOT)
will be walking in
The Franklin County Fair Parade

Thursday afternoon, September 8th

to share the message: **NO PLACE FOR HATE**

(NIOT is a new group committed to preventing and addressing hate crimes in Greenfield.)

We need to know how many will be walking.
If you want to join us, email cletson@crocker.com

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Articles, websites, and other resources

Activists Wanted: Aidan Beatty of [Grassroots Campaigns](#) in Amherst MA contacted us with this request:

"I am reaching out to you as a fellow activist organization in Western MA. We are currently recruiting leadership for our national campaigns on topics such as voting rights, LGBT rights, and free speech/right to protest. I wonder if you would promote our organization to any of your members who may be looking for a job and want to pursue their activism as a career. We are prioritizing applicants who come from a background in local activism. 413-345-2642 or abeatty@grassrootscampaigns.com.

African Americans, Black Lives Matter

- [A Vision for Black Lives: Policy Demands for Black Power, Freedom, and Justice](#) from the Movement for Black Lives
- [A True Story of a White Boy Who Discovered He Was Black](#) (1996), a YouTube video
- [The Legacy of Lynching. On Death Row.](#) by Jeffrey Toobin in the New Yorker. "In Alabama, Bryan Stevenson is saving inmates from execution and memorializing the darkest episodes of America's past."
- [Story of Venture Smith](#), an African prince turned slave turned writer
- [Federal Judge Says Black Lives Matter](#), by Mark Joseph Stern at the Slate
- [It Would Take 228 Years For Black Families To Amass The Wealth of White Families](#), by Kate Davidson at the Wall Street Journal

Criminal Justice and Injustice

- [Mothers Against Police Brutality](#)

Education, Children

- [Picture Books That Teach Kids to Combat Racism](#), from What We Do All Day
- [An End to the Privatization of Education and Real Community Control by Parents, Students and Community Members of Schools Including Democratic School Boards and Community Control of Curriculum, Hiring, Firing, and Discipline Policies](#), from A Vision for Black Lives

Health Disparities

- [Finding Good Pain Treatment is Hard](#), by Abby Goodnough at the New York Times

Latino Lives

- [The 5th Graders Who Put Mexican Repatriation Back in the History Books](#), by Lana Cupchoy at Yes! Magazine

Other

- [Why "People of Color" May Not Be the Best Choice of Words](#), by Cameron G.

at Everyday Feminism

White Privilege/White Antiracism

- [White Supremacy, Overt and Covert](#), a graphic shared on Facebook
- [10 Ways White Supremacy Wounds White People. A Tale of Mutuality](#) by Greg Elliott at the American Friends Service Committee
- [Is Santa white?](#) Tim Wise responds to Fox News
- [How To Support Black Lives Matter without Making It About You](#), by Collier Myerson on Fusion

Other groups' events:

- **Friday August 25, Providence RI: [Slavery Walking Tour](#)** Gather at 10 am at the corner of Brown and Power Streets to explore the connections between colonial Providence and the domestic and international slave trade. Organized by Center for Reconciliation.
- **Friday, Sept. 9, Springfield MA:** Neighborhood BBQ with [Gardening the Community](#), a Black-led food justice and youth leadership organization. (We heard from [Western MA SURJ](#) that GTC is seeking volunteers to help out with fundraising and more for the event. For info about volunteering, contact ryanpryor4@gmail.com by 8/25/16.
- **Friday, Sept. 9, online: [Online seminar about the history of the Original Rainbow Coalition](#)**, multi-racial poor people organizing in Chicago and beyond, and its lessons for today. With James Tracy and the Kairos Center.
- **Thursday, Sept. 22, Amherst MA: [Artists With A Conscience: Artist-Activist Night](#)**, with the Peace Development Fund
- **November 10-12, Atlanta GA: [Facing Race. A National Conversation: Our Stories. Our Solutions](#)**, organized by Race Forward.
- **November 16-20, Newark NJ: [Racial Healing and Collaboration for Black Empowerment: State of the Black World Conference IV](#)**.

The members of Racial Justice Rising are ordinary people who are troubled by the persistent racism that plagues this country. Believing that the damage caused by racism must be repaired before our society can be whole, we work for just and respectful treatment for all. We share a vision of a multi-racial, multi-cultural, multi-lingual, and multi-faith community.

Our mission is to:

- *Help build the movement for racial justice by contributing to a deeper understanding of systemic racism and racial justice.*
- *Engage in restorative activities that help to heal the racial divide and bring justice for people targeted by racism.*

While much of our work is focused in our local area, Franklin County, MA, we reach out to and are connected with the broader movements in our region and the nation.

Thank you, readers who send us information for these newsletters! We welcome links to articles, videos, event listings, and other resources.

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