



RACIAL JUSTICE RISING

MASS SLAVERY APOLOGY



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Resources for Racial Justice

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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:

**Saturday,
January 7**

**10:15 a.m.-12:15
p.m.**

**First
Congregational
Church, 43 Silver
St, Greenfield
FREE**

**The Road To
Freedom,
Anti-Slavery
Activity in
Greenfield**

**with Momodou Sarr
& Joan Featherman**

Did you know that in the 1800s, Greenfield was home to an active regional abolition group?

We will learn about the Franklin County Anti-Slavery Society, local Underground Railroad sites, and area abolitionists, and we will draw parallels between the multi-faceted strategies used in the 1800s to defeat slavery and strategies we can use now to defeat the renewal of racism and other injustices.

[For more info](#)

From our December 3rd program, Taste of Brazil, The Story of Capoeira Dance



Save the dates!

Racial Justice
Risings free monthly
programs in
Greenfield

**Saturday morning,
February 4**

History of Housing
Discrimination
with Elizabeth
Bridgewater

**Saturday morning,
March 4**

Spoken word and
more - voices from
our community

VIGIL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Every Saturday morning 9-10 a.m.

...whatever the weather...

Greenfield Town Common

~ Please join us ~

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

Volunteer with Racial Justice Rising!

We are a tiny all-volunteer group, and our active community of volunteers
makes our work possible.

More articles, websites, and other resources

Black Lives Matter, Black Organizing

- [Exclusive Black Lives Matter Statement on Trump's Election](#) from Mic.com
- [An Interview With the Founders of Black Lives Matter](#), from TEDWomen2016
- [Six Black Feminist Concepts You Need To Know](#), by Melissa Brown at Resist
- [5 Things To Do In the Wake of Trump's Victory](#), by Opal Tometi

Criminal Justice & Injustice

- [Great Falls Books Through Bars](#) is a local (western MA) group sending books to people who are incarcerated
- [The Police State Policing Police, How's That Working For You?](#) by Kai Huschke at Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund

Economics

- [A List of African-American Owned Grocery Stores and Farmers Markets](#), from Black Doctor.org
- [26 Latino-owned Businesses To Shop From This Season](#), from Remezcla

Education

- [Immigrant and Refugee Children, a Guide for Educators and School Support Staff](#). Tools and resources to help protect and prepare youth and families in case of an immigration and customs enforcement (ice) raid, by United We Dream's Dream Educational Empowerment Program, the National Immigration Law Center, First Focus and the AFT

History

- [Fidel Castro and the Cuban Role In Defeating Apartheid](#), by Matt Peppe at Mintpress News

Indigenous, First Peoples, Native Americans

- [Global #NoDAPL Month of Action](#), a video from Sacred Stone Camp
- Veterans' apology at Standing Rock, [video](#) from Our Revolution and [article](#) from Daily Kos
- [What Native Americans Couldn't Do Until ...](#) from OMG Facts

Organizing

- [The Injustice Boycott](#), organized by Shaun King to demand an end to police brutality and racial injustice, is in its first phase.
- [The Art of the Protest](#). Here's how protesting has succeeded, by Tina Rosenberg in the New York Times
- [How To Keep Fighting](#), Black Lives Matter co-founder Alicia Garcia on what fuels her fight, a video from Fusion
- [Ten Ways To Fight Hate: A Community Response Guide](#), from Southern Poverty Law Center

Other

- [Feel Like You're At Risk?](#) A list of your rights and where to get help - for Muslims, immigrants, LGBTQ, disabled people, protesters, sexual assault survivors, and more, from the ACLU
- [Quotes to make the world a better place](#), a 1-minute video from BrightVibes
- [Strict Voter ID Laws Are The New Jim Crow](#), video & article by Kenrya Rankin at Colorlines

Race & Class

A [short video on Race & Class](#) by Chescaleigh Ramsey at Decoded

Read any good books lately?

- [An Indigenous People's History of the United States](#), by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
- [10 Books By Indigenous Authors You Should Read](#), by Emily Temple at Literary Hub
- [African American Women Writers](#), by Jone Johnson Lewis at About Education

Whiteness, White Privilege, White Antiracism

- [Syllabus for White People to Educate Themselves](#), from POC Online Classroom
- [Accomplices Not Allies: Abolishing the Ally Industrial Complex. An Indigenous Perspective and Provocation](#), from Indigenous Action Media
- [Whiteness. An Explainer](#), with Anna M. Sterling at Fusion
- [The Identity Politics of Whiteness](#) by Laila Lalami in the New York Times Magazine
- [White People: Your Comfort Makes You Bad Allies](#), by Donyea Coles at Resist Media

Other groups' events:

- **Weds. December 21, Springfield MA:** [Stand Against Islamophobia and Racism](#), organized by Jewish Voice for Peace Western MA
- **March 17-18, Palm Beach FL:** [Black Women Rise Conference](#), a 2-day multigenerational, multiracial gathering with keynote speaker Dr. Angela Davis
- **April 28-30, Kansas City MO:** [White Privilege Conference](#)

- **Through September 2017, North Adams MA: [Mass MOCA Exhibit Wants You To Do More Than Just Talk About Race and Violence](#)**

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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