



RACIAL JUSTICE RISING

MASS SLAVERY APOLOGY



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Resources for Racial Justice

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Welcome new readers!

We are always glad to connect with others who share our commitment to racial justice.

We send out this digest of news & info once or twice each month. Let us know if you have any comments or contributions ~

You can learn more about Mass Slavery Apology at the bottom of this page.

Local News: This photo is from a Greenfield Recorder article on 8/14/15:
[Let's Not Be Colorblind - Turners Falls Residents Demand Town Antiracism Training.](#)

(If you the Recorder article does not display for you, we printed the full text in a comment on our [Facebook page](#) on 8/15.)



Mass Slavery Apology's activities:

Undoing Our Own Racism discussion series

We are planning a meeting in September to talk about restarting the group.

[Contact us](#) to learn more.

See [description of group](#) on Events page.

Join us at our free monthly programs in Greenfield

All programs are at the First Congregational Church of Greenfield, 43 Silver Street, Greenfield MA 01301. (A big thank you to the First Congregational Church of Greenfield for your support!) Programs are almost always on the first Saturday morning of the month. Free snacks and childcare. For more info: email@massslaveryapology.org or www.massslaveryapology.org

Saturday, September 12: [Youth Speak Out: Teens of Color Talk About Their Experiences In Our Schools.](#) Educators and school administrators are especially invited to attend.

Join us for a lunch of home-cooked Ethiopian food following the program! RSVP by 9/6/15. Suggested donation \$5- \$20

Saturday, October 3: A Program on Today's Prison System & connections with U.S. slavery, racism, & labor exploitation, with Mel Motel.

Check out Mass Slavery Apology's new [YouTube channel](#) for videos of our programs and more.

Currently available:

- **New!** Chris Tinson's August 8th presentation, [What Reparations Forces Us To Do.](#)

- One People, One Earth! with Brother NorthStar
- Black Lives/Black History with Gloria De, Layne Matlock and Adam Matlock
- Video of the April 14 Black Lives Matter action in Springfield MA.

Many thanks to George Aguiar & Eddy Russell!

Articles, websites, and other resources

Black Lives

- [Hell You Talmbout](#) by Janelle Monae and Wondaland
- [Could Black People in the U.S. Qualify As Refugees?](#) by Raha Jorjani in the Washington Post
- Ferguson: [After Protests For Racial Justice, Activists Ask: What Next?](#), by John Eligon & Mitch Smith in the New York Times

Kids

- A list of children's books that celebrate Black boys on [Bino & Fino: Celebrating My Child's Black Identity](#)
- [Teaching While White](#) by Molly Tansy at Teaching Tolerance

Decolonization

- [Why Racial Justice Work Needs To Address Settler Colonialism and Native Rights](#) by Rachel Kuo at Everyday Feminism
- [Groundwork for Change](#) provides information to help non-Indigenous (settler) peoples grow relationships with Indigenous peoples that are rooted in justice and solidarity.

Environmental Racism

- [Racism in the Air You Breathe: When/Where You Live Determines How Fast You Die](#), by Charles D. Ellison at The Root

Indigenous Lives

- [Land-Based Resistance at Unist'ot'en Camp](#), by Brett Rhyno at Briarpatch Magazine
- [John McCain Chased Off Reservation by Angry Navajo Nation Activists](#), by David Ferguson at Raw Story
- [Australians Apologize for Atrocities Against Aboriginal Peoples](#), from A+J

Latino Lives

- [Meet Ricardo, an Undocumented Immigrant Who Works At A Trump Hotel](#), a video from New Left Media
- [50 Years Since Death of Puerto Rican Leader Tortured By U.S.](#), from TelesurTV
- [Why It's Important to Remember Cuba's Connection to Africa](#), by Tonyaa Weathersbee at The Root

Muslim Lives

- [What Does My Headscarf Mean To You?](#) a TED talk by Yassmin Abdel-Magied

White Privilege/White Antiracism

- ["Even White People Are Sick of White People's Bullshit"](#) by Keith Rose on Twitter
- [8 Antiracist Commitments](#), from Meta-Activism
- [Spiritual Practices for White Discomfort](#), by Annie Gonzalez Milliken at Blue Boat

Other groups' events:

- **Now through Sept 16, Alabama to Washington DC:** [America's Journey for Justice](#), organized by the NAACP
- **August 20-22, Hampton VA:** [Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project](#)
- **Sunday, August 23, Turners Falls MA:** [The Mike Brown Rebellion film and discussion](#), organized by CoRaJus
- **Sunday, August 23, Boston MA:** [The Boston Middle Passage Ceremonies & Port Markers Project](#) will hold a ceremony acknowledging the city as a port receiving

enslaved people who survived the international slave trade, as well as the vital role that Africans and their descendants played in the development of both the Massachusetts Bay Colony and the United States.

- **August 23, Key West FL:** [Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project](#)
- **Saturday, August 29, Zacatecoluca, La Paz, El Salvador, Central America:** [2nd Annual Day of African Descendants of El Salvador](#)
- **Saturday, August 29, New Smyrna Beach, FL:** [Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project](#)
- **Saturday, August 29, Los Angeles:** [Decolonial Gathering](#)
- **Saturday, August 29, Amherst MA:** Amherst NAACP annual summer soiree. 12-3 at Mill River Pavilion, 95 Montague Road, Amherst.
- **Saturday, September 19, New England:** The [New England branches of the NAACP](#) will organize 3 mile walks in their own communities to in solidarity with [America's Journey for Justice](#). In Amherst MA area, contact [Amherst NAACP](#).
- **Friday, September 25, Washington DC:** [21st Century School Integration](#), the 2015 National Conference on School Diversity from the National Coalition on School Diversity

Our Vision & Mission

Mass Slavery Apology is a small racial justice group based in Franklin County, MA.

The members of Mass Slavery Apology 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 work for racial justice and system change by:

- Bringing more people - especially people of European descent - into the movement for racial justice.
- Using our [statement of apology for slavery](#) to build public acknowledgement of the legacy of slavery and public support for reparations.
- Addressing conditions of injustice in our own communities.

While much of our work is focused in our local area, 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.

Because almost half of our 500+ readers are from other regions than our own, we'd love to list more events in other locales.

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