



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.

Martin Luther King And His Legacy

- [Deciding To Lead With Love Despite An Enraging Political Climate](#), from Colorlines
- [The Exploitation of Martin Luther King Jr's Legacy By White Supremacy](#), from The Establishment
- [Which Martin Luther King Are We Celebrating Today?](#) by Jason Sokol at the New York Times

Stand With Standing Rock

Kandi Mossett and Linda Black Elk, Water Protectors and organizers at Standing Rock, joined a gathering in Northampton MA a few days ago via Skype. Hear Kandi, Linda, and local organizers from Still Standing with Standing Rock in an [interview on WHMP](#), Northampton.

Linda and Kandi gave us an update about the situation now at Standing Rock and made some suggestions for supporters, including:

- Pray!
- Follow the [Indigenous Environmental Network](#)
- Call the Army Corps of Engineers and demand that they issue an environmental impact statement that addresses the Dakota Access Pipeline's plans.

For accurate up-to-date info, see the [Sacred Stone Camp's website](#)

They suggest donations through these sites, which they know are reliable and support different aspects of their work:

- [Indigenous Environmental Network](#)
- [Medic + Healer Council](#)
- [Water Protectors Legal Collective](#)
- Help the Water Protectors build the [Mni Wiconi Sustained Community](#), a new model, climate adaptive community that will be a sacred gathering place for generations to come.

Racial Justice Rising's activities:

Free monthly programs - please join us!

Free & open to the public at the First Congregational Church of Greenfield, 43 Silver Street, Greenfield MA 01301. Usually on the first Saturday of the month, usually from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. .

The Evolving Face of Housing Discrimination, with Elizabeth Bridgewater

Saturday, February 4, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

At this free program, we will explore different expressions of housing discrimination in American history. What has it looked like over the years and what

does it look like now? We will also talk about wealth generation and how discriminatory practices have shut many black families out of the most common intergenerational wealth transfer in the America and have small group discussions about our own experiences. Childcare by reservation. [More information](#)

Spoken Word, An Art With A History, with Tem Blessed

Saturday, March 4, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

A journey through the history of spoken word, using demonstration of the art as well as lecture. Other western MA area spoken word artists will also join us. The program is rated PG 13 for language and content. Childcare by reservation. More information to come.

Past program updates

- Check out Channel 22 News' [video about our January 7th program, *The Road to Freedom*](#). Also, [click here](#) for links and reading suggestions from presenters Momodou Sarr and Joan Featherman.
- [A video](#) of our October community forum, **Building Relationships with the Community and the Police**.
- More resources from our November program, **Racial Disparities in U.S. Healthcare**, are now available. [Click here](#) & see Links at bottom of page.



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

Articles, websites, and other resources

Activism

- [The Injustice Boycott](#), relentless, principled, organized long-term resistance, with Shaun King
- [Unstoppable Together](#), organizations across the U.S. uniting in solidarity

Black Lives Matter

- The Movement for Black Lives issues a [call to action](#)
- [The State of New York murdered Kalief Browder...](#) by Shaun King

Economics

- [State of the Dream 2017: Mourning in America](#) from United For A Fair Economy

Hate Crimes

- [Across the U.S., 16 JCCs Get Bomb Threats In A Single Day](#), from Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Immigration

- United We Dream, [Together to Protect Immigrants & Refugees](#)

Indigenous, First Peoples, Native Americans

- [More Arrests At Standing Rock](#), a video shared by Fusion

Other groups' events:

- **Throughout the year, various locations:** Interactive [Racial Justice Trainings](#) with Race Forward. Skills and strategies to address structural racism and advance racial equity, with emphasis on how to challenge and change institutional racial inequities.
- Starting on **Tuesday, January 10, online:** [Healing From Toxic Whiteness, an online training program for white people committed to racial justice](#), from Everyday Feminism
- **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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