



RACIAL JUSTICE RISING

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Resources for Racial Justice *Special Resistance Edition* 1/27/17

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

Shoulders back
Chin up
let our song and laughter
ring out
Hold on tight to
Little hands
Familiar skin and
The protective embrace
Of those you just met
We are one
Unbowed, unbought, and unbosomed
We are unstoppable --by Taj James

National Actions & Groups

- [5 Calls A Day To Make Our Voices Heard](#)
- [10 Actions For First 100 Days Campaign](#) from the Women's March on Washington
- [AJ+](#) News
- [American Civil Liberties Union](#) (ACLU)
- [Black Lives Matter](#)
- [Color of Change](#), campaigns against injustice
- [Colorlines](#), news and information
- [Defending Free Expression, a Tool Kit For Writers and Readers](#), by Masha Gessen at PEN
- [How To Turn Trump's Twitter Account Against Him](#), by Mike Elgin at Medium
- [Impeach Trump Now](#)
- [Indivisible](#) - a practical guide for resisting the Trump agenda
- [The Injustice Boycott](#), relentless, principled, organized long-term resistance
- [Movement for Black Lives](#)
- [Navigating the Storm](#)
- [Race Forward](#), the center for racial justice innovations
- [Real Cost of Prisons Project](#)
- Robert Reich: [12 Ways To Resist Trump](#), from Yes! Magazine, and [The First 100](#)

[Day Resistance Agenda](#) (similar but not identical)

- [Resistance Manual](#) includes links to Trump's agenda, essential readings, resources, political issues, more
- [Southern Poverty Law Center](#) tracks hate groups, publishes a "tolerance" curriculum for schools
- [Standing in Silence](#)
- [SURJ](#) (Showing Up For Racial Justice, a white antiracism group)
- [The Two Things That Will Determine Our Fate](#) by Taj James
- [Ungovernable](#)
- [Unstoppable Together](#)
- [White Privilege Conference](#)

Be An Effective Activist

- [Access Suggestions for Mobilizations](#), from Sins Invalid - so everyone can participate
- [Cynicism Will Not Build A Movement. Collaboration Will.](#) by Alicia Garcia, co-founder of Black Lives Matter
- [Deciding To Lead With Love Despite An Enraging Political Climate](#), by Rinku Sen at Colorlines
- [Don't Be A Bystander: 6 Tips for Responding To Racist Attacks](#), a video from the Barnard Center for Research on Women
- [How To Stay Outraged Without Losing Your Mind](#), by Mirah Curzer at Medium
- [To My White Friends Demonstrating Today](#), by Raka Ray
- Learn to use things you do for fun, including social media, art, music, theater, what else? as organizing tools

If you can, donate to the causes you care about.

If you wish to support the Water Protectors at Standing Rock, here are some donation websites recently recommended by some of their leaders.

- [Indigenous Environmental Network](#)
- [Medic and Healers Council](#)
- [Water Protector Legal Collective](#)
- [Build With Standing Rock](#)
- [Sacred Stone Camp](#)

Western MA Area Groups and Actions

- [ACLU of MA](#) has an office in Northampton
- [Amherst MA Sanctuary City petition](#)
- [AFSC of Western MA](#)
- [Climate Action Now](#)
- [Coming Together](#)
- [Great Falls Books Through Bars](#)
- [Greenfield Human Rights Commission](#)
- [Greening Greenfield](#) - sustainability
- [Lost River Racial Justice](#) (Bristol)
- [Multicultural BRIDGE](#) in Berkshire County has monthly Race Task Force and

Toward Racial Justice meetings, hosts meetings of Berkshire SURJ, has an ongoing Real Talk On Race course, and more.

- [Nolumbeka Project](#), Native American/American Indian history and protecting sacred sites
- [Racial Justice Rising](#) (that's us!)
- [Sanctuary in the Streets, Western MA](#) (this is a link to a past event) or [Sign up form](#)
- [Sugarshack Alliance](#) - environmental group focused on preventing construction of pipeline
- [Traprock Center for Peace and Justice](#)
- [Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition](#)
- [We're the Ones We've Been Waiting For](#), action suggestions from Greenfield's 1/21/17 Sister Rally
- [Western MA SURJ](#) (Showing Up for Racial Justice)

Racial Justice Rising's events:

Free monthly programs in Greenfield MA - please come!

Free & open to the public at the First Congregational Church of Greenfield, 43 Silver Street, Greenfield MA. Usually on the first Saturday morning of the month.

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.

® **New!** See [video of our December program](#), Taste of Brazil: The Story of Capoeira Dance —



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

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.
- **Friday, January 27, Springfield MA:** [Emergency Rally For Immigrant Rights: Unite & Resist!](#)
- **Saturday, January 28, Greenfield MA:** Welcome The Neighbors Candlelight Vigil, 5:30- 6:30 p.m., Greenfield Common. "This is an opportunity to stand for humane values in our interconnected world. Acceptance, Equality, Security, Understanding, Consideration and Trust are but some of what all human beings need. We want these for ourselves and for everyone. We will come together at the Vigil in welcome and song." For more info: Anne, 413-774-2644
- **Wednesday, February 1, Greenfield MA:** [Slavery In The Valley with Bob Romer](#), a Senior Symposium
- **Monday, February 6, S. Hadley, MA:** [Pioneer Valley! Organize!](#), new group's first meeting
- **Sunday, February 12, Boston MA:** [Black Lives Matter, Boston: In Their Own Words](#)
- **Thursday, February 16, Amherst MA:** [Film and discussion of Actions Are Illegal, Never People](#), with Jose Antonio Vargas, followed by small group work on action projects, organized by Coming Together.
- **Saturday, February 25, Greenfield MA:** Welcome The Neighbors Candlelight Vigil, 6-7 p.m., Greenfield Common. "This is an opportunity to stand for humane values in our interconnected world. Acceptance, Equality, Security, Understanding, Consideration and Trust are but some of what all human beings need. We want these for ourselves and for everyone. We will come together at the Vigil in welcome and song." For more info: Anne, 413-774-2644
- **March 17-18, Palm Beach FL:** [Black Women Rise Conference](#), a 2-day multigenerational, multiracial gathering with keynote speaker Dr. Angela Davis
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- **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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