



RACIAL JUSTICE RISING

MASS SLAVERY APOLOGY



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Resources for Racial Justice

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Mass Slavery Apology's activities

Saturday, July 11th
Giant Eclectic Yard Sale
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
132 Federal Street, Greenfield

Hey local folks, c'mon over!

All sales will support our free monthly programs.

Art, antiques, plants, antique photos, ephemera, Asian imports, small furniture, collectibles, books, household goods, toys, clothes, tools, camping & sports equipment, jewelry, vintage items....

Special guest: [N'zimah's Essentials body care products](#).

& a live band with music for all tastes!

[Email us](#) to learn more or if you want to help out.

Saturday, August 1, Turners Falls: Pocumtuck Homelands Festival. This is a beautiful event organized by our friends at the [Nolumbeka Project](#), with music, Indigenous food and handcrafts, true history, and more. We'll have a table with information & conversation.

We will not have a program in July

The **Undoing Our Own Racism** monthly discussion series is not meeting in June, July, or August.

Join us at our free monthly programs in Greenfield:

Free snacks and childcare. For more info: email@massslaveryapology.org or www.massslaveryapology.org

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!) They are almost always on the first Saturday morning of the month.

- **Saturday, August 8: A program on reparations for slavery** with Dr. Chris Tinson of the TRGGR Media Collective & Hampshire College.
- **Saturday, September 12: Youth Speak Out** about their experiences in area schools, facilitated by Gloria Matlock.
- **Saturday, October 3: A Program on Today's Prison System** & connections with U.S. slavery, racism, & labor exploitation, with Mel Motel.

More info on all of these to come.

Check out Mass Slavery Apology's new [YouTube channel!](#)

We will be posting videos of our programs, and more. Currently available:

- 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!

Articles, websites, and other resources

History

- The Atlantic Slave Trade in Two Minutes, an [interactive map](#) from Slate

In the Wake of Charleston

- [Things Fall Apart: On Mother Emanuel and White Terrorism](#), by Kirsten West Savali at The Root
- [Black Protests vs. White Riots](#), a new 3-minute film from Brave New Films
- [#CharlestonSyllabus](#) - a reading list and more
- [Bree Newsome lowers confederate flag](#)
- [Dear White America: Come and See How Black People Bury Our Dead](#) by Stacey Patton at Dame Magazine
- [How You Can Help Rebuild & Where to Speak Out About the 8 Burned Churches](#) by Kenrya Rankin Naasel at Colorlines
- [Latest Blow to Black AME Churches In SC: Letters Threaten to Kill Women Pastors and Their Children](#), by David Edwards at Raw Story

Reparations for Slavery

- An announcement about the [John Hope Franklin Presidential Commission and Initiative on Reparatory Justice for People of African Descent in America](#), from Institute of the Black World, and [the proposal to the White House](#).

Whiteness

- [What is Whiteness?](#) by Nell Irvin Painter in the NY Times
- [9 Ways You Can Use Your White Privilege For Good](#), from MTV (of all places)

Other groups' events:

- **Sunday, July 5th, Greenfield MA:** [Black Lives Matter at the Greenfield fireworks](#)
- **July 9-12, Oakland:** [Free Minds Free People](#), a conference from the Education for Liberation Network
- **July 24-26, Cleveland:** [Movement for Black Lives](#): An interactive program that provides a space for all black people—diverse in origin, perspective, and strategy—to heal, build and learn together.
- **July 25, Newark NJ:** [Million People's March Against Police Brutality, Racial Injustice, & Economic Inequality](#)
- **August 1, Turners Falls:** [Pocumtuck Homelands Festival](#) organized by [the Nolumbeka Project](#).
- **September 4-6, Independent Lakota Territory:** [Heart of Decolonization Gathering](#) hosted by the Lakota Cante Tenza Okolakiciye (Strong Heart Warrior Society).

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 into the antiracism movement, especially to white people, by reaching out with resources that encourage a deeper understanding of systemic racism and racial justice.
- Using [Mass Slavery Apology](#), 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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