



RACIAL JUSTICE RISING

MASS SLAVERY APOLOGY



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Resources for Racial Justice 7/20/15

Mass Slavery Apology's activities:

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

Saturday, August 1, Turners Falls: Pocumtuck Homelands Festival! We'll have a table with information & conversation at this beautiful event organized by our friends at the [Nolumbeka Project](#). Come say hi!

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!) They 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, August 8

WHAT REPARATIONS FORCES US TO DO

Racial Justice &
Un-Remembering Atrocity in U.S. History



A program with Chris Tinson, writer, activist, professor of Africana Studies at Hampshire College, member of Educators for Mumia Abu-Jamal, and co-founder of the TRGGR Media Collective.

Saturday, August 8, 2015, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

First Congregational Church, 43 Silver Street, Greenfield MA 01301

In this interactive, participant-driven discussion, we will examine the debate around reparations and African Americans from the points of view of historians, artists, legal scholars, political scientists, grassroots community activists, and legislators.

Racial reparations remains one of our most explosive contemporary issues, and we will gauge its relevance in this era of the first Black president of the United States.

~ FREE ~ Donations Welcome

For childcare, RSVP with number & ages of children by August 1

For more information or to reserve childcare:
email@massslaveryapology.org or 413-625-2951

After the program, we'll have an opportunity to learn about ways to participate in racial justice actions in our area. If you want to share information about your project, email actionsupport@massslaveryapology.org

MANY THANKS TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENFIELD



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with Chris Tinson of Hampshire College and the TRGGR Media Collective

- **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.

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

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

- 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!

Articles, websites, and other resources

Asian Lives

Black Lives

- [Help local \(western MA\) Black Lives Matter organizers get to national gathering](#) ~
- [More questions Than Answers In Sandra Bland Case](#), from Melissa Harris-Perry at MSNBC
- [Demand Justice for Sandra Bland](#), from Color of Change
- Here's a review of [Between the World & Me](#), Ta-Nehisi Coates' "searing meditation on what it means to be black in America today." by Michiko Kakutani in the New York Times

Black History

- [African American Family Records From Era of Slavery To be Available for Free Online](#) by Joanna Walters at the Guardian
- [Slavery To Mass Incarceration](#) by the Equal Justice Initiative. A 6 minute video with nice graphics.

Criminal Justice & Injustice

- A friend recommends [Just Mercy. A Story of Justice & Redemption](#) by Bryan Stevenson, the story of an activist lawyer's work for justice.

Latino Lives

- [I'm Latino. But I'm Not...](#) from BuzzFeed

Muslim Lives

- [Muslim Groups Raise \\$30,000+ to Help Rebuild Black Churches](#), by Huishong Wu at Mashable

White Privilege/White Antiracism

- [Why White People Deny Their Privilege](#), by Julie Zeilinger at mic.com
- [You Don't Have To Hate Anybody To Be A Bigot](#) from the Daily Sift
- [White People Face Their Whiteness \(Warning: lots of white people crying\)](#) by Kristen Yoonsoo Kim at Complex
- [How To Overcome The Murderous Fear of White People](#) by Zaron Burnett III at Human Parts
- [8 Facts About Race That Every White Person Needs To Know To Fight Racism](#) by Darnell Moore at Everyday Feminism

Other groups' events:

- **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.
- **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 by reaching out, especially to white people, 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.

Have you read [our apology for slavery](#)? Facing Our Unhealed Past starts with a look at how the slavery in our country's history led to the racial injustice that still devastates our communities today, and concludes with six commitments for restorative action.

If our words resonate with you, we invite people of European descent to join us by adding your signatures to the almost 400 we have received to date.

We are hoping to use this powerful statement to build a state-by-state trend to make meaningful apologies for the slavery at their roots – starting here in Massachusetts.

You don't have to be from MA to sign – we have signatures from all over the country – and beyond.

To add your signature, reply to this email with your name, city, state, and your country if you are outside the U.S.

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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