



RACIAL JUSTICE RISING

MASS SLAVERY APOLOGY



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Resources for Racial Justice

5/31/16

A once or twice monthly e-newsletter with links to events, articles, videos, websites, & more relating to racism & racial justice.

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#### **Our activities:**

### [Community Conversation](#)

**Next Saturday, June 4th**

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (doors open at 10)

First Congregational Church, 43 Silver Street, Greenfield MA 01301

**Please join us in conversation**

We will listen to concerns, share our thinking up to this point, and discuss how to move forward. We know we have made mistakes and that some are angry, hurt, or feel marginalized by us. We assume all will come in good faith as we will.

The conversation may include:

- What happened before, during and after our Jan. 9th program, *White Privilege Then and Now*
- Our revised [mission statement](#) and new accountability policy and [Facebook policy](#)
- How we will move forward
- Comments & questions

Everyone's input is welcome.

**We look forward to seeing you.**

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Become an active member of RJR!

We have heard from many people who are looking forward to Racial Justice Rising resuming our monthly programs and contributing to other activities in our community.

We are a tiny all-volunteer group and will need more active participation in order to resume our programs or initiate other activities. Would YOU like to join us in so we can make this happen?

We are planning a meeting on Wednesday evening, June 8th to talk about ways community members can contribute. Please [email us](#) to learn more.

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**Join us on Saturday mornings!** ([click for share-able, printable flyer](#))

# Vigil For Racial Justice



Weekly, Saturdays 9-10  
Greenfield Town Common

Bring a sign (or we'll have extras...)

For more info:  
[email@racialjusticerising.org](mailto:email@racialjusticerising.org)

## Articles, websites, and other resources

### Black History

- *Today in history*: May 31st is the anniversary of the 1921 bombing of Black Wall Street in Oklahoma.
- [The Destruction of Black Wall Street](#) by Josie Pickens at Ebony
- [A Black Holocaust in America](#) by the Black Holocaust Society
- Yesterday was Memorial Day. Read about the [origins of Memorial Day](#), from the African American Registry
- [Tales of African American History Found in DNA](#), by Carl Zimmer at the New York Times
- [A new database will document burial sites of U.S. slaves](#), by Allison Meier at Hyperallergic

### Black Lives Matter

- A video of the [Black Lives Matter Community Forum](#) held on 3/21/16 in Amherst MA, from Amherst Media

### Colonization

- [Racist U.S. court rulings deny citizenship to American Samoans](#), from Pema Levy at Mother Jones

### Criminal Justice & Injustice

- [New study shows why having a predominantly white police force is dangerous to the Black community](#), a video from Atlanta Black Star

### Education

- [Five Ways to End the School To Prison Pipeline](#), from Fusion.net

### Intersections

- [Muslim Youth Read Japanese-American Internees' Heartbreaking "Letters From Camp."](#) by Sameer Rao at Colorlines
- [Race and...:](#) A series of videos from Race Forward exploring the ways race compounds and intersects with all the other issues faced by people of color.

### Native American History

- Yes, [Native Americans were the victims of genocide](#), by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz at History News Network

- [Peskeompskot, The Great Falls](#): Part 1 of a 5-part podcast of the history of the Great Falls on the Connecticut River in western MA. From The Beacon Tree.

### Other groups' events:

- **Sunday, June 5, Turners Falls MA:** Love Letter Writing Party with Lost River Racial Justice. "We are seeing increased attacks, harassment, profiling, and violence against Muslim, Arab, Sikh and South Asian people. Join us in reaching out in solidarity. Letters written at this party will be hand-delivered to the Islamic Society of Western MA." For more information: [lostriverrj@gmail.com](mailto:lostriverrj@gmail.com)
- **Thursday, June 9, Amherst MA:** [What's Race Got To Do With It? Social Disparities & Student Success](#) Film and discussion organized by Coming Together
- **Sunday, June 12, Brattleboro VT:** Forum and workshop: [Decolonizing Our Minds and Spaces and Mapping Your Story](#), organized by Lost River Racial Justice
- **Sunday, June 19, Springfield MA:** [Arise for Social Justice's Juneteenth Celebration](#)
- **October 14-15, 2016, Cambridge MA:** [New England White Privilege Conference](#)
- **November 10-12, Atlanta GA:** [Facing Race. A National Conference: Our Stories. Our Solutions](#)

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