

Resources for Reparations Reconciliation and Repair

The end is redemption and reconciliation. The aftermath of nonviolence is the creation of the beloved community, while the aftermath of violence is tragic bitterness. Love is creative and redemptive. Love builds up and unites; hate tears down and destroys.- MLK Jr.

Ways to Take Action

- Call the White House NOW! On HR-40

-H.R 40: Bill going to the White House by June 2021; The bill would put together a commission to study the effects of slavery and discriminatory policies on African Americans and recommend appropriate remedies, including reparations.

[Sign Petition Together](#)

[Sign Petition Together! And call Biden](#) (put in chat for further action)

Education and Activism: -Truth Telling Project - <https://thetruthtellingproject.org/>
2 day workshop to deepen and learn about reparations

- Lookin into issues around Voting Rights, Housing disparities etc. and get involved!
- <https://reparationscomm.org/sign-up-form/> - You can become a reparations advocate
- Check out Black-Owned Businesses in your neighborhood
- Follow Black Activists on Instagram
- Fund Black independent journalists
- Come to the next elements of this series (throw to Wren to speak a little more about that)

[June 29th Webinar for White Wealth Distribution](#)

RESOURCES TO CHECK OUT:

[Grassroots Reparations Campaign](#)

<https://www.holisticresistance.com/about>

[Spiritual and Faith Reparations Liturgy](#)- resource list from Grassroots Reparations

[Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity](#)- immigration rights and reparations work

[Institute of the Black World](#) -videos, articles

<https://reparations4slavery.com/team/> Lotte Lieb Dula works with white folks to trace back their history to chattel slavery and make reparations to the families directly harmed

[Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation](#)- amazing resources for racial healing work

<https://reparationscomm.org/reparations-plan/>- sign up to be a reparations advocate and more

<https://bridgingdivides.princeton.edu/bridging-map/map> - initiative to map organizations across the country working toward racial equity and reparations

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>- nation-wide call to moral action

Bay Area - National Day of Racial Healing and pushing for the bill HR-40

<https://www.facebook.com/RepBarbaraLee/videos/615902333071163>

<https://sayevery.name/>

[Reparations Task Force CA](#)

<http://www.racepovertymediajustice.org/>

Honoring Lives Lost - (5) - chime - (Rivka)

<https://mappingpoliceviolence.org/> (put in chat as a resource)

<https://sayevery.name/> (share screen)

For Descendents of Slave Owners and Wealthy White Folks:

<https://www.morganhcurtis.com/resource-library>

[Chordata Cohort for Wealthy White Folks](#)

Articles:

[Juneteenth Flower Installation @ White house!](#)

[White Americans Make Reparations on Juneteenth](#)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/evanston-illinois-reparations/2021/03/22/6b5a308c-8b2d-11eb-9423-04079921c915_story.html

<https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/restitution-displaced-families-albina-neighborhood-portland/283-a3ec30ec-6a38-4b38-9333-99cb05ebe650>

<https://www.kqed.org/news/11876194/first-in-the-us-californias-task-force-on-reparations-looks-at-harms-of-slavery>

<https://www.friendsjournal.org/quakers-and-reparations-slavery-and-jim-crow/>

Videos/ Music/Podcasts:

[will see that take the house down](#) music video

Desmond Tutu Faith and Reconciliation

<https://www.benjaminmertz.com/> - African American musician and composer

1619 Video Project - Debbie Bain **(ChI Alumni)

Black History in 2 Minutes Series: “Land: Giving Rise to the Famous Phrase 40 Acres & a Mule” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjseZOhmxy8>

Down By the Riverside feat. Grandpa Elliott | Playing For Change | Song Around The World [lay down my sword and shield](#)

The Freedom Singers "Ain't Gonna Let No Body Turn Me 'Round" | In Performance at the White House [ain't gonna let no body turn me round](#)

Freedom Singers- [woke up this morning with my mind...](#)

Sending you Light- Melanie Demore

This Joy, Resistance Revival Choir

[Liberated Black Futures Podcast](#)

From Do Better: Spiritual Activism for Fighting & Healing from White Supremacy, by Rachel Ricketts

We are all right here, right now, for good reason. We are at the threshold of an entirely new era. A new way of living, being and connecting. The white supremacist systems that have governed the majority of the globe for centuries can finally be overthrown. But if there is ever to be a chance to change the world for the better, we gotta get it together. And we have to come together. Right now.

We must learn to tolerate the challenging and conflicting emotions that arise when we address racism and white supremacy. Emotions like grief, guilt, anger, shame, hope, anxiety, relief, fear, and sadness, to name but a few. We must acclimate our body to withstand our own discomfort and shower ourselves in compassion so we have a shot at bestowing that same compassion on others... Withstanding our discomfort also requires understanding that discomfort is a necessary and constant part of the work. Our goal is not to feel comfortable, because we won't. It is to better tolerate the discomfort that inherently arises. No matter your race, unless and until the violent and uncomfortable truths of white supremacy have resonated through your every cell, you will be unmotivated and ill-equipped to take the lifelong, daily and demanding actions required to dismantle all systems of oppression as they exist within and outside of us, and create a world where all humans can finally breathe easy... Because we cannot heal what we refuse to reveal.

Reading From the book Emergent Strategy by Andrienne Maree Brown, a reading by Marie Varghese

“From its own fetal curves, green fiddleheads produce ancient spiral formations. The fiddleheads teach me to unfurl my own lineage & experience patterns- examine them, be with them, and listen to their messages. The fiddleheads are gifted time-travelers. If I don't learn the lessons now, the pattern will show up in my life like an unwelcome visitor. By meditating with the spiral in mind, I can focus my attention on re-encountering the old wounds differently and imagine a new possibility. The fiddleheads teach me the vitality of a perspective shift. The fiddleheads teach me to respect the slowest micro-movements & own my way forward”

Somewhere There's a Home, from Liturgies from Below

Somewhere there is a home
A place of rest,
Of Reunion
Safety and security

Of Peace
A communion of Friendships, equals
Not only in Gd's eyes
But ours too

Believing in that home
Gives us hope and strength

I will work to make that home
A house for you, for we
For us
I want to live there
With you
My children and yours
My parents and yours
My ancestors and yours

i will work to make that home
Today, tomorrow,
And in the days to come
Join me when you can

A Prayer for my White Colleagues in Education

Lord, help me wallow in my discomfort,
Stew in my unease,
Sit with my disquiet.

As we journey through this
Racialized pandemic,
Harmful leadership,
Seeing
Clear inequities,
Anger,
Hurt.

Aid us in our focus.

How are we people for and with others?

Help us open our eyes

As we look at our own faculty, our staff, our boards, our students.

What do they look like?

What voices are absent?

Help us acknowledge our history:

What have we done to exclude, persecute, and silence?

How have we been complicit?

Forgive us for not being there, for not doing enough.

How can we invite, empower, and lift up these voices?

We need to do better.

We need to move now.

Who can we invite to our tables?

Help us go to the margins,

Especially those at our own institutions.

Let us

Stand with the lonely,

The sick, the persecuted, those who have been violated.

Let us sit with them,

In our own unease.

Help us listen to these voices.

Help us reflect.

Help us prayerfully act.

Help us rise,

Not to erase our discomfort

But to be fully present,

Seeking solidarity,

Seeking repentance.

Lord, help us wallow in our discomfort,

Let us lean in.

- *Sarah Signorino, Canisius College*