

# URC BLACK HISTORY MONTHLY



THIRD MONDAYS 7.30-8.30PM ON ZOOM

*because it's too important to leave until October*

Black History is so important to our shared story that we surely can't confine it to one month a year. We need to break out and make it something we keep learning about and exploring. So, here in the United Reformed Church we've decided to take a dip into Black History every month of 2021, from February onwards. Welcome to:

## **URC Black History Monthly** **A one-hour conversation every month** **Third Monday Evenings @ 7.30pm on Zoom**

Each month we'll identify a particular nugget or sweeping overview of Black History which we'll all be encouraged to review for ourselves, then we'll come together on Zoom to share an hour's discussion, exploring and teasing out how it affects all of us in our situations and settings today.

*Begins Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021*  
*with a look at Ava Duvernay's documentary "13<sup>th</sup>"*  
*available for free viewing on You Tube*

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## URC Black History Monthly: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm

February is Black History Month in the USA, so we'll start with Ava DuVernay's Netflix Documentary about the woeful and unremitting effects over 150 years of the exception clause in the Anti-slavery 13<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U. S. Constitution.



Currently, it's available for free viewing on **YouTube**. We'll show the trailer when we meet but try to find the time to watch the full feature **before** you join us.

Find it by searching on You Tube for "13<sup>th</sup> documentary"

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**URC Black History Monthly: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**



## **The Kairos Document**

One of the key church documents from the heart of the freedom struggle in South Africa, the Kairos Document, produced back in 1985 & 1986, has had a rich afterlife in other freedom struggles. Does it have helpful resonances with the situation in the UK today as we try to respond to Black Lives Matter? Let's re-read it and discuss it for ourselves.

*The text of the Kairos Document will be available on the URC website...*

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**Black History Monthly: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30-8.30pm**

## IMMEDIATE



## NOT GRADUAL ABOLITION

### **Elizabeth Heyrick's classic 1824 Anti-slavery Pamphlet**

*In April we're reviewing a classic text from the struggle of Abolitionists with the UK Establishment as they sought to end slavery in the British Caribbean colonies. It's a lively pamphlet by a Quaker woman, Elizabeth Heyrick, called "**Immediate, not gradual, abolition**" written in 1824 (after the slave rebellion in Demerara) in which she picks a fight not only with the Slave Interest, but with the male leaders of the UK Abolitionist movement. Its vigour is undimmed and its relevance remains fresh and challenging today.*

*The text of Elizabeth Heyrick's pamphlet will be available on the URC website...*

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## BLACK VOICES SPEAK OUT

### **Black History Monthly:**

*Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30-8.30pm*

*We'll be looking together at a selection of poems by black authors from the time of slavery to the present day, from the UK, the Caribbean and the Americas, with the help of our own black poet, Karen Campbell.*

*Poignant, challenging, inspiring, humorous....*

*A document giving the texts of some poems and weblinks to others will be available on the URC website*

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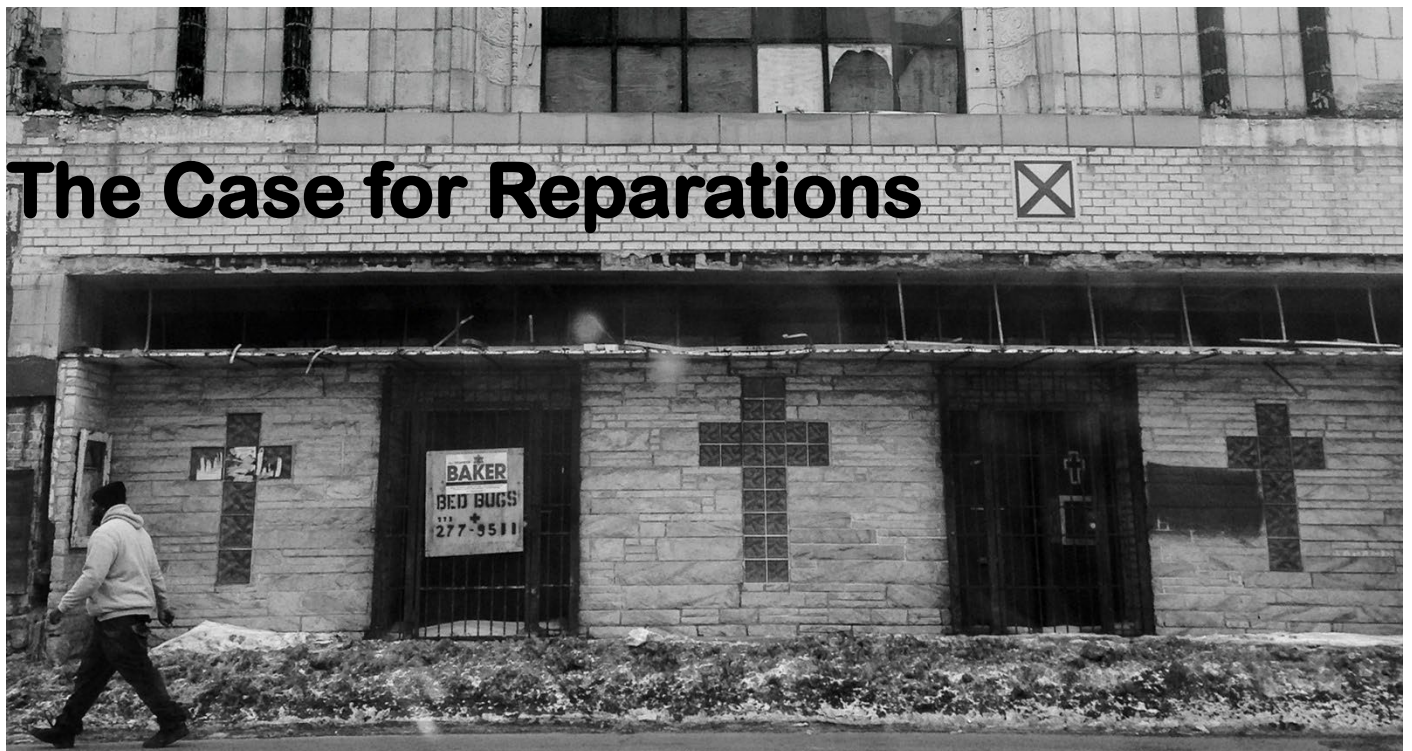
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## **Black History Monthly: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 7.30-8.30pm**

*The argument for the payment of reparations for the legacies of slavery took a fresh turn with the publication in Atlantic Magazine of this article by **Ta Nehisi Coates**.*



*To find & read this text, Google "The Atlantic the case for reparations"*

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