



# Black Lives Matter: Is the church complicit?

**REFERENCES &  
FURTHER READING**

On Thursday 18th June 2020, we were privileged to be able to stream a transatlantic conversation between black faith leaders, writers, thinkers and activists on both sides of the pond on our Facebook and YouTube channels. The conversation was curated and hosted by Greenbelt trustee, Chine McDonald.

Here, we've pulled together links and resources mentioned throughout the conversation.

If you missed the conversation, or want to watch it again – you can do so here:

<https://youtu.be/p4ctaJZgOUQ>

*Please note: this is not a complete list of Black Lives Matter resources. This a collection of information and references that were mentioned during the livestream. This document has been compiled by the Greenbelt team.*

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# BOOKS, JOURNALS AND ARTICLES

## **Jemar Tisby**

The Colour of Compromise: The Truth About the America Church's Complicity in Racism

<https://jemartisby.com/the-color-of-compromise/>

## **Jack Jenkins**

American Prophets: The Religious Roots of Progressive Politics and the Ongoing Fight for the Soul of the Country

<https://www.harpercollins.com/9780062935984/american-prophets/>

## **Prof Anthony Pinn**

Terror and Triumph: The Nature of Black Religion

<https://reli.rice.edu/publications/anthony-pinn/terror-and-triumph>

Black Theology: An International Journal

<https://www.anthonyreddie.com/black-theology-an-international-journal.html>

## **Professor Elizabeth Alexandra**

The Trayvon Generation, essay in The New Yorker

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2020/06/22/the-trayvon-generation>

## **Dante Stewart**

Black Rage in an Anti-Black World is a Spiritual Virtue

<https://sojo.net/articles/black-rage-anti-black-world-spiritual-virtue>

## **Professor Charles Mills**

Race and Capitalism

<https://www.raceandcapitalism.com/interviews-and-essays/retheorizing-racial-justice-a-conversation-with-charles-mills>

## **James Kohn**

Theology's great sin is silence in the face of white supremacy

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/cambridge-companion-to-black-theology/theologys-great-sin-silence-in-the-face-of-white-supremacy/9A94125759F60845E0A7D448DEC75CAD>

# PEOPLE

## **Emmett Till**

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/the-death-of-emmett-till>

## **Fannie Lou Hamer**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fannie\\_Lou\\_Hamer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fannie_Lou_Hamer)

## **Trayvon Martin**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trayvon\\_Martin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trayvon_Martin)

## **Recy Taylor**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/29/obituaries/recy-taylor-alabama-rape-victim-dead.html>

## **Bree Newsome**

<https://www.vox.com/identities/2017/6/27/15880052/bree-newsome-south-carolinas-confederate-flag>

## **James Kohn**

<https://www.wuft.org/nation-world/2018/04/28/james-h-cone-founder-of-black-liberation-theology-dies-at-79/>

## **Robert Beckford**

<http://www.queens.ac.uk/people/consultants/robert-beckford>

# CURRENT AFFAIRS AND CULTURE

## **NASCAR**

*Banning confederate flags from its stadiums and events*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/au/world-us-canada-53031386/why-nascar-is-banning-the-confederate-flag-from-its-races>

## **Mitt Romney joins a BLM march**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2020/06/mitt-romney-black-lives-matter/612808/>

## **Edward Colston statue**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/jun/08/who-was-edward-colston-and-why-was-his-bristol-statue-toppled-slave-trader-black-lives-matter-protests>

# HISTORY

## **Civil Rights Movement 1950s / 1960s**

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/civil-rights-movement>

## **Sanitation workers: "I am a man" protest placards**

<https://www.civilrightsmuseum.org/i-am-a-man>

## **James Brown - "Say it loud: I'm black and I'm proud."**

<https://youtu.be/FrB4uQyU0DU>

## **Black is beautiful**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black\\_is\\_beautiful](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_is_beautiful)

# MOVEMENTS, ORGANISATIONS, IDEAS

## **Black Lives Matter**

<https://blacklivesmatter.com/>

## **The Witness (Black Christian Collective)**

<https://thewitnessbcc.com>

## **Progressive National Baptist Convention**

<https://www.pnbc.org>



# THEOLOGY AND BIBLE REFERENCES

## **Imago Dei**

All created in the likeness of God, with inherent dignity and worth.

<https://www.pbs.org/faithandreason/theogloss/imago-body.html>

## **Psalm 13**

How long O Lord?

## **Fund for Theological Education**

Fund to support scholarship in future pastors

<https://www.postgraduatefunding.com/provider-403>

## **Nehemiah, Chapter 5 verse 6**

"When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry."

# QUOTES

## **Desmond Tutu**

"If you think you're too small to make a difference then you've never shared a bed with a mosquito."

## **Fyodor Dostoevsky**

"Beauty will save the world."

From The Idiot

<https://www.crisismagazine.com/2013/beauty-will-save-the-world-from-the-mouth-of-an-idiot-to-the-pen-of-a-pope>

# GREENBELT RESOURCES

**For more resources see the reading list we compiled after our Greenbelt talk 'The Lemonade Effect'**

<https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/lemonade-effect-read/>

**& our collection of BLM talks**

<https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/talks-archive/#blacklivesmatter>