

# The Time for Repair

A curriculum for individuals and organizations seeking to discern the theological questions around Reparations for Afro-Americans

## Curriculum Syllabus

### Class Description

We live in a time of highly visible anti-racism. Today, fluency in the language of systemic racism against Afro-Americans and other groups—a topic once banished from polite public conversation—is currently all but a passport into mainstream respectability. Unfortunately, much of the national conversation comes to a screeching halt at the mention of one very anti-racist word...Reparations.

*The Time for Repair* restarts the conversation about Reparations to Afro-Americans—a conversation that began in the church—and places it exactly where it belongs: in the very Protestant institutions still enriched from trading in flesh, distorting Christian theology, racializing politics, and stealing labor.

*The Time for Repair* demonstrates why contributing to the goal of Reparations is distinctly Christian business and how closing the racist wealth-gap is utterly necessary and quite possible. The curriculum offers individuals, churches, and other organizations an opportunity to play a leading role in making lasting repair a normal concern in our national culture and in theological education in at least two ways. First, *The Time for Repair* allows participants to acknowledge Protestantism's role as a key partner in both the business of chattel slavery and in the extension of the economic relations of slavery into the 21st century. Second, it invites participants on a journey toward sustainable human relations through specific objectives in education, advocacy, and economic responsibility. Join us as we play our role in this time for repair.

NOTE: This curriculum should be facilitated by an installed pastor or leader of an organization.

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### **Class Demographics**

**Session Duration:** ~120 minutes per class

**# of Sessions:** 5 sessions (can spread over 10 sessions with 1 hour per class)

**Prep Time:** This is a curriculum designed for personal and congregational transformation. Plan to spend 20 - 30 hours over a month reading, watching, and processing the full curriculum. Each session will require additional prep as you reflect on facilitating this curriculum with your congregation. Printing and distributing of the participant journal prior to Week One is not included in this prep time.

### **Materials Provided**

- Introduction Notes to Facilitator
- Curriculum Google Slides
- Script and Facilitator Notes Companion Document
- Participant Journal
- Annotated Bibliography
- Feedback Questions

### **Price**

- Congregation Membership <150 - \$100
- Congregation Membership  $\geq$ 150 - \$250
- Non-Profit Organization with annual budget <\$50,000 - \$250
- Non-Profit Organization with annual budget  $\geq$ \$50,000 - \$500

Fees for the curriculum are divided 65% to the author and 35% to the Afro-American Restorative Trust.

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