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RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: We get lots of requests for resource recommendations. Every month we'll include resources that we have used and recommend to others who are learning about issues of repair.  AN INVITATION: We'd love to talk with you. If you're in a church or judicatory; if you sit on a mission committee or diversity team; if you have a book group or a housing association that wants to learn more, let us know!  We'll keep the updates short and sweet but if you want more, you are always welcome to be in touch. [Mel Wilkerson](mailto:mel.wilkerson@restorativeactions.org) is our operations manager and she's the first point of contact. She'll either answer your questions or direct you to someone who can. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Shape  Description automatically generated with low confidence | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Our Progress** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | If you've been following this initiative for a while, you know that our team has been working behind the scenes for the last two and half years to build this initiative with very careful parameters. To the best of our knowledge, there isn't any thing quite like what we've created. Here are some key components of Restorative Actions.  Restorative Actions has a very narrow scope. At its core, Restorative Actions is an economic justice initiative providing a mechanism for organizations and individuals to **examine** assets, **determine** what portion of their wealth can be attributed to white supremacy, and to **surrender** that amount.  We've created educational content to help people start to understand *why* this is important and *why* we believe the Church should be a leader in pushing for reparations. To learn more consider checking out our [Restorative Actions Catechism](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001CogoM081UM-b_Xa8Xy2kVw-qL4OUqYp0b_dgzWs_e4bPJVmB3MFR9_p7pmHfX6FhP09vARPpSYRrSZ86NlOf7_90thEjnjDbzI2XmnNQHZEvw0Lzum3qDZv4XQSz5SB4kf4Gdm7a8ggROHkd44Q_yVEByv5X3cQaVtPvrv4JiQQ=&c=mORbgEpmpSDDCQWnGOKYtVOjEgcpQtncsceO_9bZSdrDD6iAZcgKAw==&ch=wLHYifwAbs1V7VMKJvRfDvKaecs3AQaL5-yC_cJu85-iIVb_7j8cvw==) or take a look at the preview of curriculum we've designed called [*The Time to Repair*](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001CogoM081UM-b_Xa8Xy2kVw-qL4OUqYp0b_dgzWs_e4bPJVmB3MFR98DG7W9yw4onyFMM1sT1tanV7jMAAuEXUMPIufzK8hy5DNIPbNKNd29ubpwn-993Y-frKWOyJIh3WSKk-xlt0AvkTnBJfEfeRxGRcqZic9aMGKrYmghjVPBamsGd9EKxCBJ2yxEieDEfiOfzkfKUONw-b52xVhauNA==&c=mORbgEpmpSDDCQWnGOKYtVOjEgcpQtncsceO_9bZSdrDD6iAZcgKAw==&ch=wLHYifwAbs1V7VMKJvRfDvKaecs3AQaL5-yC_cJu85-iIVb_7j8cvw==) (previously *A Time to Repair)* or, if you like to dive into numbers, take a look at the [calculators for organizations or individuals](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001CogoM081UM-b_Xa8Xy2kVw-qL4OUqYp0b_dgzWs_e4bPJVmB3MFR9_p7pmHfX6Fh6GNvULiBZ0d9WY_0Z-WhJ4TBp7d8u3gTN9WxdqLl4aykJYH4p2nSBi6Etwzw4vyZzlTG2KYgVIodgKhnOdJitqQQ2ayhnHZgEqns8vNr7SguybkzJFBmqbu1GojG4C3V&c=mORbgEpmpSDDCQWnGOKYtVOjEgcpQtncsceO_9bZSdrDD6iAZcgKAw==&ch=wLHYifwAbs1V7VMKJvRfDvKaecs3AQaL5-yC_cJu85-iIVb_7j8cvw==).  We're in the process of finalizing the legal portions of the trusts but we're able to receive funds through our fiduciary partner until the trusts of complete, the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. [Information about surrendering funds can be found here.](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001CogoM081UM-b_Xa8Xy2kVw-qL4OUqYp0b_dgzWs_e4bPJVmB3MFR9xRkkvv2NGfw35uJQTyyxw3TZEwWI13tjGJOtwU0mae7XrFv0ay1pTf_gDs2rXS2MoVFpSGA8362ha8ndUrMAZRqBvsT6OUiPec9ucjM_NIGnAYwNW3tRYrGuM2egKGiSA==&c=mORbgEpmpSDDCQWnGOKYtVOjEgcpQtncsceO_9bZSdrDD6iAZcgKAw==&ch=wLHYifwAbs1V7VMKJvRfDvKaecs3AQaL5-yC_cJu85-iIVb_7j8cvw==)  We're so pleased that so many people are interested in the work of Restorative Actions and having conversations about how they might participate. We look forward to keeping in touch monthly as this initiative unfolds. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Shape  Description automatically generated with low confidence | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Resource Spotlight** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | [**The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001CogoM081UM-b_Xa8Xy2kVw-qL4OUqYp0b_dgzWs_e4bPJVmB3MFR9xRkkvv2NGfwTMxekgToQP9qUmrToowZ3r70n-3dLNfFZ8ZnHVcEYZHx4cUMA6LE0ljOxiiPiETs66P1dpnnOEM7R9PbguT674htenvdz9W4Zj4lnnw7xLo8CQ-PwXTes61b0lVz9lC3irpnn1M5ao1JZojDvlR5YkPYGu7VkEQjKUgaWOmMe2pTD3ECl279TR3zP8uDapzvU8FNGKJ13LbCKIcc1WyfRHb_ScyukSVWROwD1ukNl7J1mffl1KR149r7N-rkRHxP&c=mORbgEpmpSDDCQWnGOKYtVOjEgcpQtncsceO_9bZSdrDD6iAZcgKAw==&ch=wLHYifwAbs1V7VMKJvRfDvKaecs3AQaL5-yC_cJu85-iIVb_7j8cvw==)  Heather McGhee’s specialty is the American economy–and the mystery of why it so often fails the American public. From the financial crisis to rising student debt to collapsing public infrastructure, she found a common root problem: racism. But not just in the most obvious indignities for people of color. Racism has costs for white people, too. It is the common denominator of our most vexing public problems, the core dysfunction of our democracy and constitutive of the spiritual and moral crises that grip us all. But how did this happen? And is there a way out? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Shape  Description automatically generated with low confidence | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **More from Heather McGee** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Shape  Description automatically generated with low confidence | [A person holding a frisbee  Description automatically generated](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001CogoM081UM-b_Xa8Xy2kVw-qL4OUqYp0b_dgzWs_e4bPJVmB3MFR9xRkkvv2NGfw9LEVbL7ggVQfCfHSzl1V83h8_95KozJbNRINSlKrqZzcdT2oCgypsYkZmMn50kmJYh3ypbFb34LqURjcfOBgro6BqNVSPY5hZJk4PP-H2vJokbdcwrcTxEhubNKa7tZv2QnIA-Z8Ua4FySkaRvs3GQ==&c=mORbgEpmpSDDCQWnGOKYtVOjEgcpQtncsceO_9bZSdrDD6iAZcgKAw==&ch=wLHYifwAbs1V7VMKJvRfDvKaecs3AQaL5-yC_cJu85-iIVb_7j8cvw==) | | Shape  Description automatically generated with low confidence | Shape  Description automatically generated with low confidence |   If you're short on reading time and want a preview of the content of the book, check out [Heather's 14 minute TED talk](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001CogoM081UM-b_Xa8Xy2kVw-qL4OUqYp0b_dgzWs_e4bPJVmB3MFR9xRkkvv2NGfw9LEVbL7ggVQfCfHSzl1V83h8_95KozJbNRINSlKrqZzcdT2oCgypsYkZmMn50kmJYh3ypbFb34LqURjcfOBgro6BqNVSPY5hZJk4PP-H2vJokbdcwrcTxEhubNKa7tZv2QnIA-Z8Ua4FySkaRvs3GQ==&c=mORbgEpmpSDDCQWnGOKYtVOjEgcpQtncsceO_9bZSdrDD6iAZcgKAw==&ch=wLHYifwAbs1V7VMKJvRfDvKaecs3AQaL5-yC_cJu85-iIVb_7j8cvw==).  If you've got a younger reader in your life, check out [*The Sum of Us: (Adapted for Young Readers) How Racism Hurts*](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001CogoM081UM-b_Xa8Xy2kVw-qL4OUqYp0b_dgzWs_e4bPJVmB3MFR9xRkkvv2NGfwTlk3T6cXQNhwCaMSnIsUPGmS6A8Fm3WM3AeG0JGvvb5oHeAHnYmXmzfyjQa1jOHU9v46CmZBtEu7fH6IAJT-iXFDDReVt1RIrSGBpbt4bWvE3kZyHApizeMHzZDrzZMQS15-LDwwdKJ8glyYeElaEHuZqZQgV2FNroPYDHQXD-EuNyf94XtD_1OiMfRdE_teNuNSyij_c6Tiabj2hQ2ahwhmH2P1q3xrqdaYUMSc8fAq2QxgETvzYg==&c=mORbgEpmpSDDCQWnGOKYtVOjEgcpQtncsceO_9bZSdrDD6iAZcgKAw==&ch=wLHYifwAbs1V7VMKJvRfDvKaecs3AQaL5-yC_cJu85-iIVb_7j8cvw==)  OR, check out [Heather's podcast - also called The Sum of Us.](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001CogoM081UM-b_Xa8Xy2kVw-qL4OUqYp0b_dgzWs_e4bPJVmB3MFR9xRkkvv2NGfw5_WlUvusDOFqIrd_OOUFwi1Cr-W0JcOdHvDc1w64u9-zUxoRNg0cAG6xlGE0cv2NobqF1S4ElK9is6KhYnwC8a79FG56etZx&c=mORbgEpmpSDDCQWnGOKYtVOjEgcpQtncsceO_9bZSdrDD6iAZcgKAw==&ch=wLHYifwAbs1V7VMKJvRfDvKaecs3AQaL5-yC_cJu85-iIVb_7j8cvw==) | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Shape  Description automatically generated with low confidence | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **‌** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **An Invitation** | | ﻿Members of our team are always available for conversation, presentations, and consultation.  We've met with councils, sessions, mission committees, diversity and inclusion teams, and we'd love to meet with you!  We typically provide a 35 minutes presentation and then stay for 20 minutes of Q & A.  Send us an [EMAIL](mailto:mel.wilkerson@restorativeactions.org) to schedule a time. | | | | |