

# THE REPARATIONS FUND





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*In order for there to be Reparation we will hold these four values in our grants:*

*We must tell the TRUTH.*

*In order for there to be real Reparation we must seek JUSTICE FOR ALL.*

*In order for there to be Reparation we must pursue it with INTEGRITY.*

*And in order for Reparation to truly happen, we must be open to TRANSFORMATION not only for ourselves individually but for society collectively.*

We are humbled to offer the first grants from the interest of the 1.1 million dollar Reparation Fund, created by the people of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, to efforts we believe honor these four core values.



Reparations Fund

A Grant of \$3500  
to

St Paul Community Baptist  
Church

**for their production of MAAFA  
with the intent of supporting  
the attendance of young  
people from the Diocese of  
New York**

A group of women in traditional African attire are dancing and playing a drum. The women are wearing colorful, patterned dresses and headwraps. They are smiling and have their hands raised in the air. In the center, a woman is playing a large, round drum. The background shows a building with a window and a door. The overall atmosphere is joyful and celebratory.

The MAAFA  
Suite...  
A Healing  
Journey



The term MAAFA (pronounced Mah- AH-fah) is a Kiswahili word which gives definition to the catastrophic event experienced by millions of African people during the middle passage journey from Africa bound for enslavement in the Americas.

The word MAAFA is the concept of Dr. Marimba Ani, African-American scholar and author.

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If you have never experienced this moving tribute expressed annually in our sanctuary through renowned teaching and drama, its core goal is to take not only our community, but the world at large, on a walk down memory lane to get a clear understanding of:

Who the African in America is.

Why he/she are who they are.

How we can reverse the thought patterns that have been ingrained in our psyches, in some cases paralyzing some of us, from generations foregone and still remain present in us today.

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Reparations Fund  
A Grant of \$3500  
to the  
Brooklyn Public Library  
toward their Books  
Unbanned Project




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Books Unbanned.

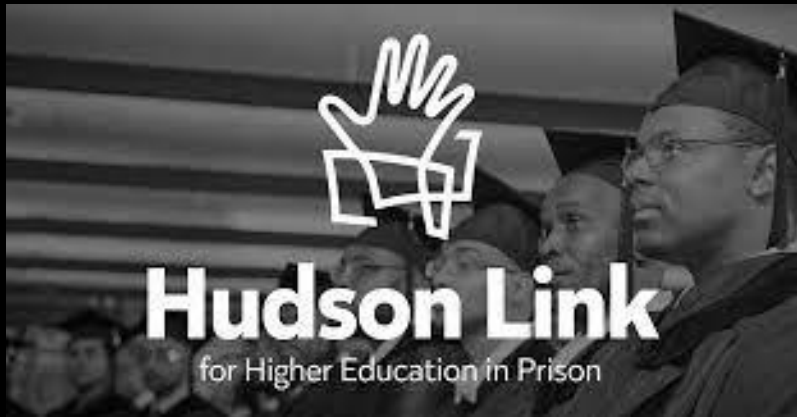
BROOKLYN PUBLIC





There were nearly 700 attempts to ban library books in the first eight months of 2023, according to data released by the American Library Association. From Jan. 1 to Aug 31, the attempts sought to challenge or censor 1,915 titles,

The Brooklyn Public Library launched Books Unbanned, a website that allows anyone 13 to 21 years old to apply for a free library card that will let them download ebooks from its collection.



Reparations Fund

A Grant of \$6,000  
to Hudson Link for Higher  
Education  
in Prison

During VOICES HEARD,  
the virtual Retreat  
sponsored by the  
Reparations  
Commission, the  
Diocese heard about  
the ongoing oppression  
of the criminal justice  
system and our prisons.





Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison is a non-profit organization that provides college education, life skills, and reentry support to currently and formerly incarcerated people so they can make a positive impact on their own lives, their families, and communities

Since 1998 over 1000 College degrees have been awarded in collaboration with nine college partners in New York



*We can take critical steps to  
fund efforts that expose and  
repair the legacies of the Trans-  
Atlantic slave trade.*

*But we need to build up the  
Reparations Fund.*

*Join with us,*

*so that in the years to  
come,*

*we can expand our  
support of brothers and  
sisters working to repair  
and transform the world.*

