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LEARNING FROM HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENTS PAST AND PRESENT

On the 25 May, the brutal murder of George Floyd in the USA galvanised the Black Lives Matter movement into action. Outraged by the senseless killing of the unarmed Floyd, people across the globe took to the streets, marching and calling for an end to police brutality and systemic racism, based on the so-called inferiority of Black people whose ancestors were kidnapped, enslaved and trafficked to the Americas. With the call for the removal of statutes linked to the transatlantic slave trade, many institutions and organisations are now owning up to their historical past. Six generations removed from my enslaved ancestors who toiled in “Britain’s sugar gardens” in Jamaica, I seized the chance to honour them by writing a short article on Britain’s role in the transatlantic slave trade. Many thanks to Richard Reddie (Churches Together in Britain and Ireland), who commissioned the piece that follows:

Racial justice and Britain’s colonial past. Complicity and Contrition: Codrington College, the Church of England, the City of London, Oxford University and the Royal Family.

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