

## The Manchester Study Centre

To help increase understanding of how modern society has been affected by the legacy of oppression left by colonial slavery and industrial exploitation, a Manchester MJR Study Centre has been set up, based in the Emmanuel Centre and library at the Nazarene Theological College. It is hoped that this partnership will lead to the creation of research and teaching opportunities.

We have a growing collection of relevant study materials for both students and others interested in gaining an understanding of the legacy of slavery. These resources can be accessed at the NTC Library.

When feasible a hot desk will be made available at the college and local MJR Manchester meetings and events can be hosted there. The college will also co-promote MJR activities and, subject to availability, provide space for events.



*The Nazarene Theological College, Didsbury, Manchester*

### Further ideas being explored for the Manchester Study Centre include:

- Working in partnership with the college to support research into various aspects of the legacies of both colonial slavery and industrial exploitation.
- Mentoring possibilities with Dr Clifford Hill of MRJ for students if required.
- Establishing an initial or pre-academic course to make learning about the legacy of slavery accessible to all. An initial 5-week evening course was run as part of Manchester Bible School in September 2015.
- Offering training to those already in leadership and establishing a forum for supporting those 'working at the coal face'.
- Developing further resources.
- Utilising and promoting the research material of other MJR partners such as the Open University for use in schools, churches and other educational and community contexts.

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## The Nazarene Theological College

The college's main purpose is to prepare people for various aspects of Christian ministry. It emphasises missional thinking and training and works collaboratively with others to prepare a wide range of students for a wide range of careers both within and outside of the Church.

The College provides valuable educational opportunities for Christian lay people who wish to gain an excellent academic qualification from a university of international renown and for those who wish to be better prepared for service in the local church. Certificate, BA and Post Graduate certificates are supported, together with MA and PhD degree courses in Theology in association with the University of Manchester. Each of these qualifications may be obtained by part-time as well as full-time study.



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**Dear Sir:**

***Unless the divine power has raised you up to be as "Athanasius against the world," I see not how you can go through your glorious enterprise in opposing that execrable villainy, which is the scandal of religion, of England, and of human nature.***

***... That He who has guided you from youth up may continue to strengthen you in this and all things is the prayer of, dear sir, Your affectionate servant,***

***John Wesley***

*Letter to Wilberforce written six days before Wesley's death.*

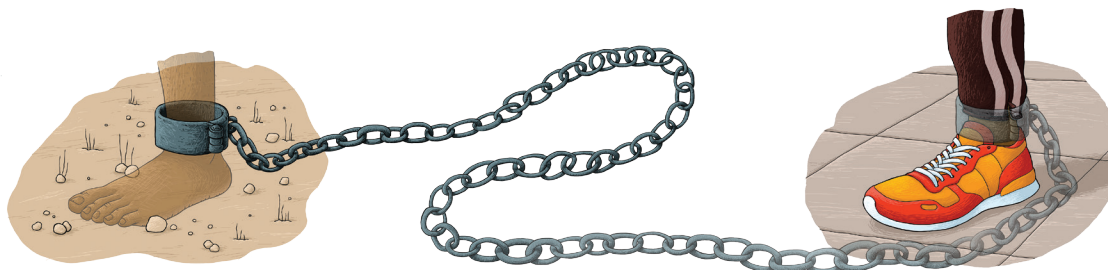
## The Movement for Justice and Reconciliation

MJR was formed as a charity in 2014 following more than a year of consultations among inner-city community leaders. It brings together representatives of a range of churches and organisations across the UK involved in Christian service, ministry and research, particularly in our inner-cities, including Micah Community Projects, Street Pastors and Urban Presence. MJR aims to increase our understanding of how modern society has been affected by the legacy of oppression left by colonial slavery and industrial exploitation. We believe this legacy has left a hidden footprint on the souls of many people living in deprived areas, resulting in a common feeling, across ethnicities, of powerlessness and social alienation.

With partners such as NTC, MJR will gather existing and commission new research, make the findings known through educational projects and seek to resolve injustice, promote wellbeing and encourage community reconciliation in new and innovative ways.

## MJR Manchester Group

To support the Study Centre and promote MJR in the city and region, a local steering group has been set up. If you would like to be a part of this group, or be kept in touch with the development of MJR in Manchester, please email: [manchester@mjr-uk.com](mailto:manchester@mjr-uk.com).



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