

Taking Action

How do you reconcile a lynching?

In order to get to reconciliation, we must first engage in the requisite truth telling. Our collective memory and our collective consciousness hold power.

Bryan Stevenson, Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, says,

“Truth and reconciliation are sequential.”

Through our acts of remembrance to memorialize the history of lynching and memorialize Alonzo Tucker, we say **“Never again.”**

However, these acts of remembrance are not enough.

The legacy of racism that killed Alonzo Tucker is **still** alive today, Oregon has an imperative from history that compels us to right this wrong.

We must **repair** the fundamental question of who our society believes deserves death because the answer continues to be disproportionately African Americans.



Soil collected from the site where Alonzo Tucker was lynched

It starts with remembrance, then it moves to repair.

We can only truly find reconciliation for lynching once we have put an end to the heir to its legacy - the death penalty. Ending the death penalty is the necessary repair work in between truth and reconciliation.

Through our **action** to end the legacy of lynching in Oregon, we can **rewrite** the ending to Alonzo Tucker's story.

Because if you've ever wondered what you would have done had you been around during the lynching era the answer is:

“What are you doing about lynching right now?”

Here's what you can do!

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