

REPARATIONS AND RACIAL JUSTICE: A FAITH COMMUNITY'S EXPERIENCE

September 6, 2022 Brunnen Workshop

The 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches



***"URBAN RENEWAL MEANT NEGRO REMOVAL."* – James Baldwin**

This workshop represents the experience of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh, PA. Bethel AMEC, established in 1808, has a long history of significant ministry in the African American community of Pittsburgh. In 1957, Bethel AMEC was demolished as a part of urban renewal after city authorities identified the church building as blight within the Lower Hill District of Pittsburgh. In 1957, the congregation received \$240,000 in compensation for the eminent domain taking which led to redevelopment in the area.

Bethel AME Church was victimized by the taking and did not receive adequate compensation.

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