

*Bishop Renford Brown, Chairman of Bristol Black Churches Council, and
Canon Robert Corrigan, Chairman of Churches Together in Greater Bristol,
present the following statement on the 12th January 2007.*

Peter Abraham

The Lord Mayor
of the City and County
of Bristol

K. T. Pearce

The Master of
The Merchant Venturers

Barbara Jukes

The Leader
Bristol City Council

Nigel Corley

Regional Secretary
Trade Union Congress

*We the signatories regret wherever and
whenever inhumanity is exercised, but
in 2007 we especially recognise the evil
of the transatlantic slave trade.*

*We cannot imagine the pain and
suffering inflicted upon millions of
individuals and families and the
significant changes forced upon*

*thousands of communities in Africa, the
West Indies and other places by slavers
of whatever race or faith.*

*1807 was the beginning of the end of
slavery through the passing into law of
the anti-slavery bill.*

*We give thanks for those who struggled
to initiate this change
and look to a time when slavery of every
kind is abolished.*

Phil Davies

Executive Chairman
Business West

J. D. Tidmarsh

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Michael Brista

The Bishop of Bristol

Michael Lang
Bishop of Clifton

Regional Minister
West of England
Baptist Association

David Green

Moderator of the
United Reformed Church
South West Synod

Wynne

Leader of the Labour Group
Bristol City Council

Thomas Jones

Chairman Methodist
Church Bristol District