



OUR STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

June 2020

We have been watching the ongoing events in the United States with sadness and anger. Before the death of George Floyd, it was clear that there was need for structural change. The vast inequalities in the American judicial system existed long before these recent protests. This is evident in the anger felt by millions who have been discriminated against, abused, and left behind. This movement aims to make police accountable, the law to apply equally to everyone, and for all groups to be treated with the dignity and humanity we all deserve.

We are an international and internationalist society and so international solidarity is at the core of our values as evangelists for the power of the United Nations. So we support the current movement in the United States, and believe that our doing so has power. Now more than ever, it is important to channel our activism and momentum into sustained and effective action that is able to cross political and ideological lines. Therefore, we will be making a donation to organizations supporting the #BlackLivesMatter Movement, as well as listing here resources and organizations to encourage and enable you to do the same.

We are not usually a society that takes specific political stances - we believe that our mission is best served by being welcoming to those of all and any political persuasions. However, this is such an important issue with such broad impact that we feel a duty to take a stand as our silence would undermine that welcoming and open culture that strive to maintain.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Campaign Zero – Solutions

Researched informed policies that communities can implement to end violence.

The National Museum of African American History and Culture – Talking About Race

A portal to help you and your community commit to being antiracist and talk about racism.

Equal Justice Initiative – Tragic Death of George Floyd Reveals Continuing Problem of Police Violence

A piece to encourage self-reflection on the current state of police reforms, and what that might look like in the future.

Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights – New Era of Public Safety: A Guide to Safe, Fair and Effective Community Policing

A report that stemmed from President Obama's Task Force on 21st century policing, it recommends mechanisms to build a better relationship between communities of colour and law enforcement.

TAKE ACTION

Official George Floyd Memorial Fund—Go Fund Me

Support George Floyd's family through this fund designed to cover expenses as well as care for his children and their education.

Nationwide Bail Fund

Help support bail for protestors throughout the United States.

Colour of Change—Sign a Petition to End Violent Policing Against Black People

Sign this petition calling for the end of police violence against Black people.

ORGANIZATIONS

Movement for Black Lives

NAACP Legal Defence Fund

Centre for Policy Equity

Black Futures Lab

National Black Justice Coalition

Campaign Zero

Stay safe. #BlackLivesMatter