

# Christ Church Call to Anti-Racism

## General Introduction:

Given the current state of our nation due to the murder of George Floyd, we, Marala, Louisa, Vanessa, and Eliane, have created this document as a way for people to get involved aside from just protesting. Within this document, you will not only find information on upcoming protests within the area, but links to donation pages of those who have fallen victim to police brutality. You will also find links to other organizations that have more long-term goals of justice. Lastly, we have compiled a list of black-owned businesses within Connecticut as an alternative way to help black communities. Please take the time to read through this document and decide how you want to help in this crucial movement for racial justice and equality.

## Why did we put this together?

After the death of George Floyd and the resulting protests, it became very clear that staying silent about racial injustice is no longer an option. We wanted to provide the members of Christ Church ways to help the black community other than just protesting, donating or signing petitions.

## Why is this movement important to each of us?

- **Marala:** This movement is empowering for our generation; we have had enough of the violations of human rights to our brothers and sisters. This movement has left the burden of change in our hands, and gave many of us the strength and ability to fight for equality, when it should not be a discussion in the first place. Most importantly, it taught me and my generation we have a powerful, loud voice that is to be heard. Through unification - we are unstoppable, which gives me hope for the future of our world.
- **Louisa:** I am deeply passionate about the intersection between environmental and social justice. Often, marginalized communities are faced with the most severe devastation to their land, air, and water supply. Degradation to the land around us equates tremendously to the continued oppression and unequal treatment towards black, indigenous, and other communities of color. I strive in my future career to actively learn about the injustices faced by people of color and not remain silent during critical decisions that could potentially cause harm to marginalized communities. I dream of being part of a world where around the decision-making table, people from a wide variety of backgrounds are equally valued for their input and never need to doubt that they are seen and heard. I will never give up hope that this dream can someday turn into a reality, and the current Black Lives Matter movement is a step in the right direction.
- **Eliane:** Activism is something that I became very interested in a couple years back as a freshman in high school. Throughout the rise of this movement over the past few weeks, I have been inspired to touch back in with this activist side of me and focus time on this fight for social justice. I began to do so by attending a few protests within the area. However I realized that one does not have to physically go

out and march to necessarily participate, especially during this pandemic. Instead, many people, especially young adults, are getting involved in other ways such as donating to organizations, signing and sharing petitions, and posting about it on their Social Media. As Marala mentioned above, our generation really has the power to be the change we want to see in the world. I feel this concept is something that many younger people are starting to initiate during this time; knowing that so many towns and cities across all 50 states as well as countries outside of the US, are contributing in protests and petitions is a very touching and unifying feeling for our future. This movement is important to me not only because it allows me to make my voice heard and fight for what I believe in, but that I, along with so many others across the world, are truly coming together to fight for the change that we want to see.

- **Vanessa:** As a young black female, I feel what is going on very personally. I am a rising Senior in college, meaning that soon I will be entering into adulthood as I join the workforce and venture into society on my own. In our country's current state, I often wonder how many more obstacles I will have to face due to my race and if I will be able to overcome them. These protests have given me hope that the future may look different due the change that will come of our efforts. And I want to make sure I do as much as I can to assist in that change, hence this document.

## Say Their Names:

This is a list of some of the African Americans killed by police

ERIC GARNER - JOHN CRAWFORD III - MICHAEL BROWN - EZELL FORD  
DANTE PARKER - MICHELLE CUSSEAU - LAQUAN MCDONALD - GEORGE MANN  
TANISHA ANDERSON - AKAI GURLEY - TAMIR RICE - RUMAIN BRISBON - JERAME REID  
MATTHEW AJIBADE - FRANK SMART - NATASHA MCKENNA - TONY ROBINSON - ANTHONY HILL  
MYA HALL - PHILLIP WHITE - ERIC HARRIS - WALTER SCOTT - WILLIAM CHAPMAN II  
ALEXIA CHRISTIAN - BRENDON GLENN - VICTOR MANUEL LAROSA - JONATHAN SANDERS  
FREDDIE BLUE - JOSEPH MANN - SALVADO ELLSWOOD - SANDRA BLAND  
ALBERT JOSEPH DAVIS - DARRIUS STEWART - BILLY RAY DAVIS - SAMUEL DUBOSE  
MICHAEL SABBIE - BRIAN KEITH DAY - CHRISTIAN TAYLOR - TROY ROBINSON  
ASSHAMS PHAROAH MANLEY - FELIX KUMI - KEITH HARRISON MCLEOD - JUNIOR PROSPER  
LAMONTEZ JONES - PATERSON BROWN - DOMINIC HUTCHINSON - ANTHONY ASHFORD  
ALONZO SMITH - TYREE CRAWFORD - INDIA KAGER - LA'VANTE BIGGS  
MICHAEL LEE MARSHALL - JAMAR CLARK - RICHARD PERKINS - NATHANIEL HARRIS PICKETT  
BENNI LEE TIGNOR - MIGUEL ESPINAL - MICHAEL NOEL - KEVIN MATTHEWS - BETTIE JONES  
QUINTONIO LEGRIER - KEITH CHILDRESS JR. - JANET WILSON - RANDY NELSON  
ANTRONIE SCOTT - WENDELL CELESTINE - DAVID JOSEPH - CALIN ROQUEMORE - DYZHAWN  
PERKINS - CHRISTOPHER DAVIS - MARCO LOUD - PETER GAINES - TORREY ROBINSON - DARIUS  
ROBINSON - KEVIN HICKS - MARY TRUXILLO - DEMARCUS SEMER - WILLIE TILLMAN  
TERRILL THOMAS - SYLVILLE SMITH - ALTON STERLING - PHILANDO CASTILE - TERENCE  
CRUTCHER - PAUL O'NEAL - ALTERIA WOODS - JORDAN EDWARDS - AARON BAILEY  
RONELL FOSTER - STEPHON CLARK - ANTWON ROSE II - BOTHAM JEAN  
PAMELA TURNER - DOMINIQUE CLAYTON - ATATIANA JEFFERSON - CHRISTOPHER WHITFIELD  
CHRISTOPHER MCCORVEY - ERIC REASON - MICHAEL LORENZO DEAN - BREONNA TAYLOR  
G E O R G E F L O Y D

<https://www.npr.org/2020/05/29/865261916/a-decade-of-watching-black-people-die>

## Support for the Grieving:

George Floyd: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/georgefloyd>

The money will be used for funeral, burial, travel and grief counseling expenses

Breonna Taylor: <https://msha.ke/30flirtyfilm/#top-picks>

This site lists multiple ways for you to honor her

Ahmaud Arbery: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/i-run-with-maud>

This goes towards helping Ms. Wanda Cooper-Jones, Ahmaud Arbery's mother, and her immediate family financially as they fight for justice for Ahmaud Arbery.

## Organizations in/for Minneapolis:

- [A Gas Mask Fund](#) for black youth activists in Minneapolis is raising money to buy gas masks for demonstrators who've faced tear gas during protests.
- [MOODI](#) (Mobile Outreach and Outdoor Drop-In) is an initiative of the Cultural Wellness Center in Minneapolis, providing immediate response and resources for people currently without shelter
- [We Love Lake Street](#) is gathering donations for small businesses and non-profits on Lake Street in Minneapolis, to help with the clean-up effort.
- [The Legal Rights Center](#) is a non-profit law firm based in Minneapolis, offering legal defense, educational, and advocacy services.

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## Long-term Organizations to Donate to:

- [Black Lives Matter](#): "Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc is a global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. By combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy, we are winning immediate improvements in our lives." (P.S.- Donations are tax deductible)
- [The NAACP Legal Defense Fund](#), which supports racial justice through advocacy, litigation, and education.
  - NAACP Connecticut Chapter Donations:  
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/naacp-1>

- [Communities United Against Police Brutality](#), which operates a crisis hotline where people can report abuse ( 24-hour crisis line (612-874-STOP)), offers legal, medical, and psychological resource referrals; and engages in political action against police brutality.
- [The National Bail Fund Network](#) also has a directory of community bail funds to which you can donate, along with a COVID-19 rapid response fund. Another list of funds is available here.
- [Black Visions Collective](#), a black, trans, and queer-led social justice organization and legal fund based in Minneapolis-St. Paul. If you scroll to the bottom of the page you can donate!
- [Fair Fight](#), an organization founded by Stacey Abrams that aims to end voter suppression and equalize voting rights and access for fairer elections.

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- [Campaign Zero](#): A platform which involves the end to police brutality in America, through various ways to get involved, the issue at stake and solutions.
- [The Movement for Black Lives](#): This organization was “created as a space for Black organizations across the country to debate and discuss the current political conditions, develop shared assessments of what political interventions were necessary in order to achieve key policy, cultural and political wins, convene organizational leadership in order to debate and co-create a shared movement wide strategy.”
- [McGivney Center](#): The McGivney Center is a community center for children based in Bridgeport, CT. Christ Church Espiscopal Church and our Youth Group has extensive history working with the Center’s Toy Drive. If applicable, we could aim to donate to the McGivney Center, or create a fundraising event.

## Upcoming Protests/Activities:

Please note that Christ Church is not sponsoring or hosting any gathered groups of any kind until after June 20th. Below is a publicly available list of protests that encourage social distancing.

### Sunday, June 7th:

**Weston**, For Black Lives Matter @ The Weston Library ; **1-3 PM**

**New Milford**, Black Lives Matter Peaceful Protest @ New Milford Green;  
**3:15 PM**

**Woodbury**, Peaceful Protest for George Floyd @ North Field; **3 PM**

### Monday, June 8th:

**Milford**, Solidarity Protest For Black Lives Matter And George Floyd @  
Milford Green; **3:30 PM**

**Watertown**, Black Lives Matter Protest @ Watertown Green; **1PM**

### Tuesday June 9th:

**Fairfield County**, “Chalk it up for Black Lives”

Cover driveways and sidewalks with words of solidarity and support towards the African American Community. Share photos on Social Media with #ChalkItUpForBlackLives

### Sunday, June 14th:

**Vernon**, Vernon Against Police Brutality Peaceful Protest in support of BLM in front of town hall; **12 PM**

**Woodstock, CT**, Rise Against Injustice @ Woodstock Commons; **10 AM-2PM**

### Friday, June 19th:

**Hartford**, BLM Protest @Bushnell Park; **2 PM**

# Black-Owned Small Businesses In Connecticut:

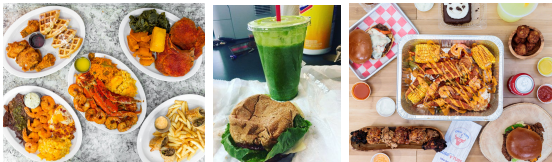
Protesting doesn't necessarily have to take place out in the streets...

By seeking ways to support black communities and culture, *you* are actively protesting with your dollars. Here are some excellent examples of black-owned, small restaurants, many of which are likely in towns near you!

## Fairfield County

### Bridgeport

Awesome Sauce Caribbean Flavors  
Betty's African Kitchen  
Flavorz Famous Chicken + Fish  
Grill 2  
Jean's Cuisine  
Jrs Meatless Cuisine and Juices  
Metric Bar and Grill  
Miss Thelma's Soulfood  
P1 Juice Bar  
Poe's Kitchen  
Rootsman Kitchen  
Rum and Tequila Fusion  
Shandals Vegetarian Cafe  
Sub Queen  
Surf Vs. Turf  
The Cinnabomb Mini-Donut Factory  
Ten20  
Trap Chicken  
Uncle Joe's Infusion  
Yard Jerk



### Stratford

EP Local Food Truck  
Kingston Kafe



### Norwalk

Durty Jerk  
Everybody Eatz  
Herb's Place  
Miss Barabra Jean's Soul Food  
No Leftovers Jamaican and Caribbean  
People's Choice Jamaican American





Stamford

Carribbean Bakery and Mini Mart  
K&S top of the Hill  
La Perle  
Puag  
Scotty's Fish and Chips  
Soul Tasty  
Teff



Danbury

Dish It Right Here Food Truck



# New Haven County

## New Haven

Amoy's Cajun Creole  
Anchor Spa  
B-Natural Cafe  
Caribbean Connection  
Jordan's Hot Dog & Mac  
International TasteBuds  
Kevin's Seafood  
Kool Breeze Jamaican  
Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant  
Lucky Star Bus Cafe  
Lunch Box 23  
Mama Mary's Soul Food  
Ninth Square Market Caribbean  
Ricky D's Rib Shack  
Rhythm Brewing Co.  
Sandra's Next Generation  
Tropical Delights  
Tropical Krust  
Vegan Ahava Food Truck  
Westville Seafood  
Wing Madness  
Woody's Wings



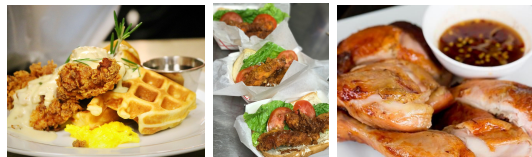
## Derby

Reid's BBQ



## Waterbury

B & N Lunchbox  
Bertie's West Indian & American  
Divine Health Juice Bar  
Mama Sue's Kitchen  
Mikey's Jamaican Restaurant & Pub  
The Art of Yum



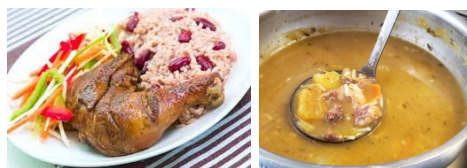
## Manchester

Amazing Ackee Bakery  
Anthony's Jamaican Restaurant  
Negril Sports Bar  
Thomas' Smokey Pit Stop  
Walia Ethiopian Restaurant



## Orange

3D's Jamaican International Cuisine



Hamden

Bomb Wings and Rice Bar  
Charlie and James Place  
Dperv's T.O.P BBQ  
Harold's  
Lynon's Restaurant and Bar



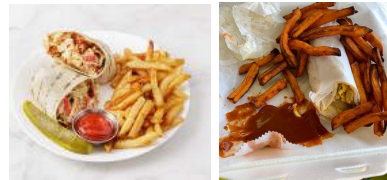
Meriden

American Soul Kitchen Bar  
Bentley's Little Jamaican Cuisine



Naugatuck

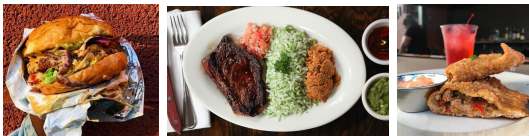
Living Right Health Bar



# Hartford County

## [Hartford](#)

Benjie's Jamaican Restaurant  
Brown Butter Creations  
Capital Ice Cream  
Carson's Kitchen  
Destiny Awaits  
Dunn's River Restaurant  
Fire-N-Spice Vegan Restaurant  
Fishy Tales Food Truck  
Geli's Juices and Acai Bowls  
Golden Crust Bakery  
Hot Pots  
Island Cuisine  
Jerk Pit Cafe  
Juiced Up Juice Bar  
KBarr  
Kingston's Jamaican Restaurant  
Lion's Den Vegetarian  
Lulu's Ice Cream Cafe  
Prepper's Meal Prep  
Sambas Cuisine  
Scott's Jamaican Bakery  
Sister's Restaurant  
Soul Baila Bar & Grill  
Southern Bell Soul Food and Catering  
Stella's and Mazie's  
Sun Splash Jamaican Restaurant  
Taste of Soul Restaurant and Catering  
Tasty Ethnic Foods  
The Russell  
The Urban Gourmet Food Truck  
T&J Food Service and Catering  
V Soul Eatery



## [New Britain](#)

Jackie's Gourmet Restaurant  
More Than Just Lobster  
My Wife Didn't Cook  
Poppa's Kitchen  
Sweetwater Juice Bar and Deli  
Taste of Jamaica  
The Little Herbivores Vegan Meal Prep



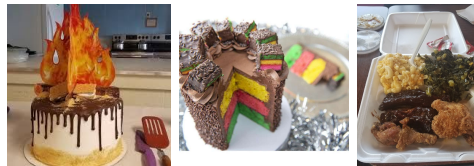
## [Suffield](#)

Tosca Restaurant



## [Windsor](#)

Lilly's Soul Food Bakery  
Sweet Tooth Bakery



[East Hartford](#)

Carl's BBQ + Jerk  
PABS African Restaurant  
Pepper's Jamaican Bakery  
Perfect Poundcakes  
Sidibe African Restaurant



[Bloomfield](#)

Paradise Jamaican Restaurant  
Pepper's Jamaican Bakery  
Sweet Delight  
The Craft Catering



[Glastonbury](#)

Berkin's Blend Cafe



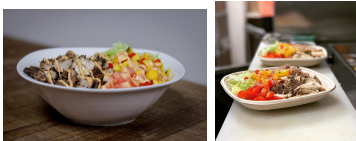
[Whethersfield](#)

Rooster's Chicken and Waffles



[Newington](#)

Dilly's Cafe



[Farmington](#)

Sweet Equations



# Middlesex County

## Middletown

Abyssinian Ethiopian Restaurant  
B&B Wings and Things  
Carribean Flavaz



# New London County

## New London

Hot Rod Cafe  
Sweet N' Elegant by Sharene  
The Green Room  
Unique In-Out Restaurant



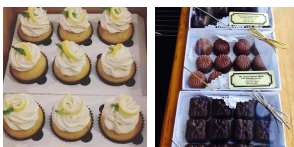
## Norwich

Mommy's Delicious Food  
Philly's  
Uncle D's Blazin' BBQ



## Groton

Dutch's 860



# Tolland County

## Vernon

Craig's Soul Food  
Jamaican Kitchen



## Storrs

It's All About the Flavour



# Windham County

## Willimantic

Jamaican Me Crazy

