

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



Naugatuck

Living Right Health Bar



Meriden

American Soul Kitchen Bar
Bentley's Little Jamaican Cuisine



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

