



*Interfaith Works' Mission is to work together with our communities to serve our neighbors in need and advocate for an end to poverty in Montgomery County.*

## **Standing in Solidarity Against Racial Injustice**

We are outraged at the Black lives lost to violent systemic racism in our country. We grieve for the families of those who have lost their lives recently—George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Finan Berhe, Ahmaud Arbery—and so many others whose deaths attracted less attention but were no less tragic. Black people are three times more likely to be killed by police than White people. As a diverse organization of people helping the most vulnerable in our Montgomery County community, Interfaith Works stands with our Black neighbors who know only too well inequity, mistreatment, threats and violence based solely upon the color of their skin. We see the impact of systemic racism in our work with people experiencing homelessness. We see the trauma and poor health outcomes racism causes. The Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated racial disparities in health and poverty. For the sake of our community and our country, permanent change must happen NOW.

The absence of leadership, of empathy, of any support from the federal administration is sickening. The clearing of peaceful protestors by force and the appropriation of a place of worship for political gain are abhorrent. As an organization whose mission is to end homelessness and poverty, addressing racial inequalities is necessary. As such, we support peaceful action for systemic change and condemn the violence directed at those who are exercising their constitutional right to make their voices heard.

We encourage you to learn, to act and to engage. Let us work together towards a more perfect union where one need not fear for their life because they have black or brown skin.



LEARN ABOUT POLICE VIOLENCE AND ANTIRACISM IN AMERICA.

[Equal Justice Initiative—Tragic Death of George Floyd Reveals Continuing Problem of Police Violence](#)

A reflection on the current state of police reform with recommendations for progress.

[Campaign Zero—Solutions](#)

A look at data- and research-informed policy solutions that communities can put in place to end police violence.

[Center for Policing Equity—The Science of Justice: Race, Justice, and Police Use of Force](#)

This detailed report delves into police administrative data to show disparities in the use of force. You can watch the director of the Center, Phillip Atiba Goff, deliver a [TED talk on fighting racism and improving policing here.](#)

[The Opportunity Agenda—Promoting Accountability](#)

Learn how police accountability works, and the four mechanisms—community-based, political, civil, and criminal—for holding law enforcement accountable.

[The National Museum of African American History and Culture—Talking About Race](#)

An online portal to help families, individuals, and communities talk about racism and [commit to being antiracist.](#)



### [Talking with Kids About Racism and Racial Violence](#)

Experts in child psychology explain how parents can begin conversations about racial violence and answer some of kids' most painful questions.

### **TAKE ACTION**

#### [Color 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.

#### [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 in your community.

### **GET ENGAGED**

[Black Futures Lab](#)

[Campaign Zero](#)

[Center for Policing Equity](#)

[Movement For Black Lives](#)

[National Black Justice Coalition](#)

[NAACP Legal Defense Fund](#)