



MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Dear MCC judicatory heads,

I am reaching out to provide information for the **21 days of peace initiative** led by MCC Black denominational leaders and His Works United of Stairstep Foundation. As mentioned in below email (dated May 20), the Black Church community has mobilized to combat the intolerable wave of violence that has claimed the lives of children and other harmed innocent victims in recent weeks. Black church leaders are seeking allies to join in this **ministry of presence** to help restore a sense of community and stability where all can enjoy a safe and nurturing environment.

Below you will find details to share with your congregations to recruit teams of volunteers to participate.

When: Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from June 4th through June 20th
Time Slots- 12pm to 2pm; 2pm to 4pm; and 4pm to 6pm

Where: North and South Minneapolis and St. Paul (exact locations will be communicated by host Black Church leaders)

Location	Contact Information
North Minneapolis	763-381-7271
South Minneapolis	612-481-0787
St. Paul	651-769-4687

How to Participate:

- 1) Identify volunteer teams-This initiative is for groups of adults only, no children. Volunteers should be comfortable in urban settings working with diverse groups and spiritually wise.
- 2) Determine where the team would like to serve based on proximity. (see locations above)
- 3) The team leader should call the number above to sign up. The leader may have to leave a message and someone will follow up.
- 4) Someone from the location will follow up to provide arrival details and instructions.

Volunteer groups will receive **orientation and training** before traveling to the assigned city neighborhood to offer ministry of presence. Activities will vary by location but may include prayer, praise, food and conversation.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Curtiss at 612-220-3430 or Chrissie at chrissie.carver@mnchurches.org.

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