



Middletown Area Ministerial Alliance™

Public Statement from the Middletown Area Ministerial Alliance

Jesus is Lord.

As people of Christian faith, we recognize that racism and violence against anyone is against the will of God. We condemn racism in any form, and affirm that the Lord stands against injustice and with the wronged.

We are aggrieved by the recent murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, and we recognize that this is part of a larger injustice against African-Americans in the United States. As we lament this loss, we say these names: Maurice Gordon, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tamir Rice, Trayvon Martin, Oscar Grant, Eric Garner, Philando Castile, Samuel Dubose, Sandra Bland, Walter Scott.

Tragically, there are many names we do not know, and we include the name Jesus Christ.

In response to this fatal injustice, the Middletown Area Ministerial Alliance makes the following statements:

- The Middletown Area Ministerial Alliance stands with the pastors in Minneapolis and all over our nation and our world to stand watch. We are committed to teach and walk in the precepts of God to eliminate systemic racism not only in the streets of America but in America's churches. We heed the call for all pastors of this great city to stand with us!
- Our immediate and past police chiefs have made a point of meeting with churches, black leadership, and other communities of color. We applaud this initiative and see that great strides have been made. We call for continued dialogue about police brutality and social justice issues for minorities. We are eager to turn these conversations about our shared commitments into policies that keep everyone safe and affirm human dignity for all.
- We call upon the Church, especially congregations who are predominantly white, to educate ourselves about racism and white supremacy in the United States and the American Church. We are willing to provide resources.

We will not rest until Blacks Lives Matter.