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1Hood Media reflects on Antwon Rose II’s death a year later in conversation with Dr. Cornel West

Pittsburgh, PA - The day following the 1-year anniversary of Antwon Rose II’s death, 1Hood Media invites the community to join us in conversation on June 20, 2019, with activist and philosopher, Dr. Cornel West. The conversation will be moderated by 1Hood co-founder and CEO Jasiri X with special guest Bakari Kitwana. The event, supported by the Metro-Urban Institute, will take place at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary from 7-9 PM.

June 19th marks a year since 17-year-old Antwon Rose II was shot 3 times from behind by an East Pittsburgh police officer Michael Rosenfeld despite being unarmed and posing no threat. On June 20th, the Justice for Antwon Rose II movement began. One year later we gather to explore a path forward for Pittsburgh in spite of the tragic events of last year. “At 1Hood Media, we felt it was important to acknowledge what happened in Pittsburgh last summer, and begin a deliberate dialogue on what real justice could look like,” says Jasiri X CEO and co-founder of 1Hood Media. “We felt Dr. Cornel West was the perfect speaker to critically analyze where we are, and inspire us to build the future we desire.”

Dr. Cornel West, a professor, author, philosopher and activist who has written over 20 books, including Race Matters, is self-described as a man committed to truth-telling and upholding justice and love. Journalist, activist, political analyst and author of The Hip-Hop Generation: Young Blacks and the Crisis in African American Culture, Bakari Kitwana will also be joining the conversation. Hip-Hop Artist/Activist Jasiri X, who was recently named one of the 25 Essential Pittsburghers by Next Pittsburgh, will be moderating.

The Metro-Urban Institute (MUI), is an academic, advocacy, and programmatic action arm of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, concerned with factors that shape contemporary urban life and Christian ministry within urban contexts. MUI’s activities have two primary emphases: facilitation of experiential, curricular, and scholarly engagement with urban poverty contexts and concerns, especially engagement by theological students and educators; and analysis, mapping, and reinforcement of the socio-religious resources of churches, community organizations, social networks, and leadership sectors within low-income neighborhoods.

The conversation will take place at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary located at 616 N Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 from 7-9 PM. Doors will open at 6 PM. The event is sold out to the public but interested parties may add their name to the waitlist here. For media inquiries or to request a press pass, contact Tye Clarke at Tye@1Hood.org.

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