What Churches Can Do to Overcome Racial Injustice In Our Community

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Define Racial Injustice:

“I may not be able to define it, but I know what it is when I see it.”

“Help me to understand racial injustice”

RI: when one individual or group is treated inequitably primarily because of race, when compared with others of another race.
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- racial profiling
- employment discrimination
- treatment by some law enforcement
- inequity in sentencing
- racial population in jail/prison
- treatment when arrested
- abortion clinics location
- hiring practices
- inequity in pay
- inequity in health care
- housing/economic
- Amy Cooper (NYC, 5/25/2020)
- George Floyd
- Ahmaud Arbery
- Breonna Taylor

- underlying attitudes
- manifest destiny
- racial superiority
- racial hatred
- ignorance
- criminality
- less than human
- not my equal
- little or no engagement
- apathy
Why is it necessary?
(Too Many People Have Died!)

ERIC GARNER - JOHN CRAWFORD III - MICHAEL BROWN - EZELL FORD
DANTE PARKER - MICHELLE CUSSEAX - 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
LAMONTZ 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 - DARRIUS
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
GEORGE FLOYD
What Do We Do?

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

—"Letter from Birmingham Jail," April 16, 1963
1. PRAY (Our power comes from above)
2. PREACH (Transformational-Sin of Racism!)
3. PERSONAL (Begins with the individual conviction)
4. POSITION (See racism, call it out)
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1. PRAY
2. PREACH
3. PERSONAL
4. POSITION

if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and PRAY and SEEK my face and TURN from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and HEAL THEIR LAND
What Do We Do?

---Move beyond I can see how that bothers you.... to.....
---I am grieved, broken hearted personally....

---Speak out and speak up...
---Care—
---Call To Action (don’t just talk, do something...)
What Do We Do?

Small Acts of Kindness, Care, & Concern

Connect Individually

Make A Friend, Be A Friend
What Do We Do?

--USE YOUR VOICE—
(politically, socially, theologically)
(see something, say something)
(vote)
What Do We Do?

--Meeting with Law Enforcement—
1. Build Relationships w/Law Enforcement
2. Law Enforcement Citizens Review Council
3. Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
4. Law Enforcement & Congregation Conversations
5. Write Letters (political leaders, newspapers, etc.)
6. Peaceful Protest/March for Justice & Peace
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--Do Not Condone Violence—
We do condone peaceful protest!
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Don’t have all the answers...
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