

FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD RESOLUTION ON THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD

On Sunday night in Concord Center, hundreds of people gathered, masked and physically distant but connected one heart to another. We stood together, chanted, honked horns and shouted in a show of grief and outrage at yet another incident of police brutality against Black people – the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

We at First Parish in Concord, in solidarity with other Unitarian Universalists and millions of fellow citizens across this country, rededicate ourselves to the work of dismantling systems of structural racism in the United States. We acknowledge that the original American racial sins of slavery and genocide have never been properly addressed or reconciled.

We pledge to continue our anti-racism work, and to include new action steps for our congregation to respond to the latest atrocities and to expose the systemic evils that allow these atrocities to happen. We know that the impact of Covid-19 on non-white communities is one result of these systemic evils, and the death toll has been devastating. At the same time we know that we can turn our love and prayers to do our part toward overcoming the terrible realities of racism. We commit ourselves to the hard work of transforming and dismantling the privileges of dominant white culture, and we will strive to be part of a nation guided by wisdom and equity, not fear and greed.

We will use our privilege to dismantle institutional racism.

We stand firmly with the African-American community: Black Lives Matter.

We know another world is possible.

And we dedicate ourselves to building a golden thread of lasting peace between all people.

From the Standing Committee, Racial Justice Action Group, Ministers, and staff at First Parish in Concord MA, a Unitarian Universalist congregation.