

RALLYING FOR DISCIPLES: BLACK LIVES MATTER TOO

EVENT INFORMATION
JULY 18, 2020



ABOUT US

The Conscience and Justice Council seeks to transform communities surrounding local churches by ensuring freedom of conscience and justice. Instead of pursuing sound bites and 15 seconds of fame, we pursue the best interest of others through the mindset of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:3-5 states, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interest of the others. In your relationship with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.”

BACKGROUND

- Transforming the tragedies of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and Rayshard Brooks to triumphs in addressing systemic oppression.
- Facing the reoccurring realities of systemic oppression considering Christian Cooper.
- Moving from protests to action in addressing systemic oppression.

NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY

- Initiated by the United Nations as an annual holiday July 18, 2009.
- Engage in causes to reduce poverty, promote world peace, and **bring cross-cultural reconciliation.**
- In support of the Nelson Mandela International Day, the Rallying for Disciples; Black Lives Matter Too affirms cross-cultural reconciliation.

GOALS

1. Serve as a recruitment, retention, and reclamation rally for Adventist members in each state to support Black Lives Matter Too.
2. Enhance and strengthen the relationships between pastors and laity in regional and state conferences, and other faith communities in support of Black Lives Matter Too.
3. Increase awareness, interest, and engagement with the Seventh-day Adventists Church as one concerned about Black Lives Matter Too.

EVENT FOCUS AREAS

- **INTERGENERATIONAL**—Engage participants from the Silent Generation, Baby Boomers, Generation X, Millennials, and Generation Z.
- **INTERFAITH**—Recruit clergy and laity from the faith community to collaborate in the launch and ongoing initiatives to address systemic oppression in the community.
- **INTERPERSONAL**—Develop or strengthen interpersonal relationships to address systemic oppression.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

7:00-7:05 p.m.

Welcome

Orlan Johnson, PARL Director

Melissa Reid, PARL Associate Director

Prayer

Pastor Elton DeMoraes

Vice President

Southwestern Union

7:05-7:10

Why We are Here?

Pastor Jerome Hurst

CJC Vice-Chairperson

PARL Director, Allegheny West

PROGRAM OUTLINE

7:10-7:25 Why this is Important?

Dr. Calvin Rock, Retired General Vice
President, General Conference and Former
Oakwood College President
Pastor Wintley Phipps,
Gospel Recording Artist
Dr. Nicholas Miller, Lake Union PARL Director
and Professor of Church History at the
Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary
Anissa Perez, Adventist for Social Justice
Priscilla Josiah, High School Student Activist

PROGRAM OUTLINE

- 7:25-7:30 Small Group Instructions
Pastor Cryston Josiah, CJC Secretary
PARL Director, Central States
- 7:30-8:00 Small Groups Discussion
- 8:00-8:07 Closing Remarks/Prayer for Unity
Edward Woods III, CJC Chairperon
PARL Director, Lake Region
Pastor Gary and Diane Thurber, President and
1st Lady, Mid-American Union

SMALL GROUPS

- Identify ways to ensure Black Lives Matter Too inside of the faith community.
- Seek ways to ensure Black Lives Matter Too in the community.
- Discover how to bring healing to the faith and local community.
- Share suggestions online through the web portal for distribution to participants worldwide.

TIDBITS

- Endorsed by the North American Division Officers.
- Initiated by the Conscience & Justice Council.
- Starting at 7 to highlight Seventh-day Adventists support for Black Lives Matter Too.
- Going 67 minutes to coincide with Nelson Mandela's years of public service.
- Open to everyone, not just Seventh-day Adventists.

APPRECIATION

- Thanks so much for joining and engaging with us for the Rallying for Disciples: Black Lives Matter Too!
- Please see your comments and glean from the comments of others to ensure Black Lives Matter Too at www.cjcouncil.org.
- For questions or additional information, please email info@cjccouncil.org.