



# Christian Life

## COMMISSION

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### **Statement on the killing of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor**

This past Memorial Day, George Floyd was killed by police officers in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Video of the incident shows a White police officer forcefully putting his knee on a Black man's neck for several minutes. As three officers looked on, Floyd cried out for his mother, begged the officers not to kill him, and repeatedly said, "I can't breathe." Once his spirit left his body the officers walked away as if nothing had happened. The footage depicts a cruel and completely unnecessary act.

In another incident that took place the week before, a young woman named Breonna Taylor was shot eight times by plainclothes police officers who performed a "no-knock" sting operation at the wrong house, carelessly taking her life.

People are hurting, grieving, and enraged by these senseless killings. As Christians, we band together and call for justice, regardless of the color of our skin. Micah 6:8 reminds us that we have been called to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

The Christian Life Commission promotes the love of Christ in all we do. We, denounce the racism, inequality, and violence that again grips our country. We grieve alongside our brothers and sisters who are hurting. We implore all people of faith to adopt the spirit of solidarity to call out these egregious acts and speak for human life, worth and dignity.

The Staff of the Christian Life Commission

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