

Racism—Black Lives Matter Action Steps

LIVING DOCUMENT OF IDEAS TO SUPPORT BLACK LIVES MATTER

1. Educate ourselves with accurate information

- Read the book White Fragility
- Watch the movie Just Mercy at justmercyfilm.com
- Google interview with Just Mercy's author, Bryan Stevenson on NPR
- Do a self-audit on racism
- Do anti-racism training
- Take a 9-day challenge to educate yourself a different way every day. Journal.
- Visit and follow organizations in the fight for justice:
 - Breachrepairs.org (The Rev. Barber's organization)
 - Campaign Zero.org (fighting for police accountability)
 - Faithfulamerica.org (consortium of people of faith working for justice)
 - Blacklivesmatter.com (started after Ferguson to work for justice for all)
 - Momsdemandaction.org (working for sensible gun laws)
 - Listen to 1619 Pod cast from NYT
- PRAY

2. Provide educational opportunities for the parish

- Provide a pertinent fact in the Little Log each week
- Provide information for Facebook

3. Individual Actions

- Make a personal commitment. Privilege has power. Use it.
- Lobby lawmakers 202.224.3121
- Write letter of encouragement to Bishop Marian Edgar Budde at Episcopal House, Mt. Alban, Washington DC, 20016-5094
- Donate and support organizations that are vetted and help the cause of justice and reform
 - Minnesotafreedomfund.org
 - Blacklivesmatter.com
 - Bukitbailfund.org (for locals)
 - Abolitionisthelawcenter.org
 - The Bronxfreedomfund.org
 - Bedstuyststrong.com
 - Unicornriot.ninja/donate (independent press that is filming the protests)

4. Corporate Actions

- Partner and develop a relationship with a black church
- St. Brendan's develop a statement in support of Bishop of DC
- Ask Diocese to put out a statement
- Put sign outside St. Brendan's
- Provide supplies (water, etc.) to protestors
- Update website
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