

Advocacy, Activism and Race: Mount Olivet Rolling Acres – June 4, 2020

Hello all, It has been an incredibly difficult past week and yesterday marked a week since the death of George Floyd.

We owe it to each of you and all of the individuals we serve to acknowledge the pain and horrible events that have led us to where we are today. We stand in solidarity with the black community and all those fighting for racial equality.

We will find the right actions to go forward together – with what we stand for – our values, love, justice - and what we stand against – racism, hatred, violence.

It is during these times many of us may be asking “what can I do” and “when does this stop?”. We have compiled some resources and articles that include action steps below. Please note this is a reference guide for anyone interested. Our aim is to provide support, resources and education to anyone desiring it. Additionally, our goal is to increase our education- this list is not exhaustive, and we are open to all resources you each may have. There is no quick solution to any of the issues going on today, and we are committed to ongoing support, learning and action. – *Case Management and Diversity & Inclusion Committee*

How to advocate

- Call to advocate with the Attorney General Keith Ellison (651) 296-3353 now on the case
- Advocacy by phone/digital: from Catrice Jackson Sean McGinty is the 3rd precinct inspector -(612) 673-3559 is the police HQ number and the number listed for him online, or the 3rd precinct number may work as well, 612-673-5703.
- MPLS Police Dept: Chris Granger is the "Quality Assurance Commander," – Oversees Mpls Police department's use of force policy and body cam program. Katie Blackwell is the Commander of the Training Unit, oversees dept's In-Service Training, Academy, Field Officer Training program, and Leadership and Professional Development Programs. Henry Halverson is the Deputy Chief of the Professional Standards Bureau and the number for that office is 612-673-2735.
- OPCR number for complaints: 612 673-3012 Internal Affairs: 612 673-3074
 - Emails can be sent to: policepio@minneapolismn.gov or police@minneapolismn.gov
 - Online form to file a complaint: Scroll down the page.. <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/opcr-complaint?fbclid=IwAR2kC-YF0ZEjZL1PQIXesLQePPVWSoyQfSgwTCROFHWPXONV- Bimu-iLB8>
- Minneapolis Police Union 612-788-8444
- Minneapolis Mayor Office Jacob Frey 612-673-2100
- St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter 651-266-8510
- Governor Tim Walz 651-201-3400

Racial Equity Resource Directory <https://www.mncompass.org/disparities/resource-directory>

Sign the Petition to hold police accountable for shooting unarmed citizens

<https://www.change.org/p/us-senate-hands-up-act>

- <https://www.justiceforbigfloyd.com/>

How to Help in the Twin Cities following protests

- Link provides information on how to help with community clean-up efforts, locations and donations for pop-up food pantries, support for where to go if you do not feel safe in your home, and other resources you can

request or ways you can help <https://www.startribune.com/need-help-want-to-help-twin-cities-groups-offer-resources-for-folks-hurt-by-riots/570894392/>

- <https://www.welovelakestreet.com/>
- www.saintpaulchamber.com/welovestpaul

- Places accepting donations
- https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1WyhaHzqnwkSvjnaBwjRBhK4XiBcEPqD1Tk4J0gdu_9I/mobilebasic

Support Black Owned Businesses in Twin Cities

- <http://mspmag.com/arts-and-culture/black-owned-businesses-in-the-twin-cities/>

How to be an ally

- <https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/what-white-people-can-do-for-racial-justice-f2d18b0e0234>
- <https://www.bustle.com/p/10-books-about-race-to-read-instead-of-asking-a-person-of-color-to-explain-things-to-you-8548796>

How to talk to children about what is going on and racism

- <https://www.parenttoolkit.com/social-and-emotional-development/advice/social-awareness/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-race-and-racism>
- <https://www.prettygooddesign.org/blog/Blog%20Post%20Title%20One-5new4?fbclid=IwAR1ZRcv86158B-58rzA3eqbEEfv9QaAHEY09ASxv4ydJV0JToaNcJqThTx8>
- <https://www.embracerace.org/resources/26-childrens-books-to-support-conversations-on-race-racism-resistance>

• **How to cope with anxiety surrounding racism**

- <https://www.anxiety.org/black-americans-how-to-cope-with-anxiety-and-racism>

• **Trauma surrounding**

- <https://www.sideeffectspublicmedia.org/post/how-racism-trauma-and-mental-health-are-linked>

• **Education**

- <https://www.raceforward.org/videos/systemic-racism>

• **Resources: Books**

- *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram Kendi
- *Their Eyes were Watching God* by Zora Hurston
- *For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood* by Christopher Emdin
- <https://www.vogue.co.uk/arts-and-lifestyle/article/black-lives-matter-reading-list>

We will all continue to learn and support one another. Through it all I am grateful to be a part of this team and work with each of you. Please reach out to your Supervisor or Director with any needs, thoughts or feedback. We are all here to listen. There will be more information to come on how to support the individuals we serve during this time. And going forward.

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