



Southeastern Conference

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Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Response To Social Injustice

Over the past week many Americans have stepped out of the comforts of their homes to voice their deep concern regarding the death of George Floyd. Their protest is not only for George Floyd but also for Ahmaud Arbery of Brunswick, GA, Breonna Taylor, a young black woman, who was obeying the law and was simply resting in the privacy of her home, in Kentucky. In New York, there was Eric Gardner, who was the first to coin the phrase, "I can't breathe" died while in the custody of NYPD. We remember the little innocent children while crossing the border between Mexico and America being painfully separated from their parents. Most being caged like wild animals. May God help us all.

Over and over the pain that people of all colors, especially the recent deaths of several blacks, have had to face are all unacceptable to society. Southeastern Conference strongly condemns this misbehavior by some policemen. We believe that all men are created to be equal, as God has so desired. Everyone should be respected to have inalienable rights as human beings. These harmful acts against human life must not be considered the norm. Let's be clear these displays of racial injustices must never happen again, for we are all God's children.

And while Southeastern condemns these heinous acts, we also believe that our protest should be peaceful and intentional and as much as possible, we should seek to avoid areas of violence and destruction. Our greatest protest to these injustices is the exercise of our right to vote.

Let us remember to keep the Floyd family as well as the other families in our prayers. May God keep us all safe during these turbulent times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory O. Mack".

Gregory O. Mack
President