

## Statement from San Diego County Religious Leaders

# OUR FIERCE URGENCY NOW: AN INTERFAITH STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND ALL WHO SEEK JUSTICE

We, the undersigned, are religious leaders of greater San Diego County representing many houses of faith and faith traditions. We speak for and through traditions that are diverse and varied in belief, custom, ethnicity, race, and language. We strive to understand each other, to promote our shared humanity, and to foster a vision of justice, dignity, and love.

We are grieving. We are angry. We are united.

We are grieving as we witness, again, the death of another beloved black brother at the hands of callous, unjust police officers. We are angry at the harm done to black bodies, hearts, and souls; the systems created to inflict this harm; the silence and apathy that give these systems permission to exist; and the generational trauma inflicted through the harm, the system, and the silence.

We are united in love to create a community of wholeness and safety for all. We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. As faith leaders throughout the county of San Diego, we call for the cessation of all violence and harm that undermine the righteous movement for justice, equality and dignity for black lives. We support the ongoing work of the Coalition for Police Accountability and Transparency and encourage all of us to work together in sacred partnership to enact meaningful reform throughout San Diego County.

As faith leaders we affirm our love for you, and we pledge to look upon each other as one family, one community, and one humanity. May God, Known By Many Names, bless us as we work together to build a home of justice, dignity, and love.

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