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## **SU Response to U.S. Racial Tensions**

The Southern Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, headquartered in Peachtree Corners, Georgia, is responding to the recent tragedy involving episodes of police brutality which have fostered a battery of killings across the United States. Between 2013 and 2020, police in the United States killed more than 7,700 people, according to data compiled by Mapping Police Violence, a research and advocacy group. The killing of George Floyd, an unarmed victim, in such a horrific way while in police custody showcases the racial tensions which destroy the functional existence for citizens in our society. Consequently, Floyd's death has prompted thousands of protesters to march in cities around the world demanding justice for these victims and an end to police violence.

Another sad and riveting commentary surrounding this crisis is that, according to Mapping Police Violence, the number of police killings in the U.S. disproportionately affects African Americans. As Christians in this culture, we, the Southern Union Administration, declare unequivocally that we abhor and condemn these expressions of racism and violence and call for justice to be executed for victims and their families.

We are asking our members, congregations and conferences to prayerfully consider a Christ-centered approach to interaction with their surrounding communities. We plead with each person and entity within our southern borders to speak out against injustice and hatred just as Jesus did when He was on this earth. We can lead by example in our quest to treat every human being with honor and respect. Let's allow our voices to be heard as we strive to be agents of healing for this societal suffering.

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