

INTERFAITH RALLY & MARCH:
a Call for Justice & Healing

Our Work Is Not Done!

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 3PM ET

location:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
950 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW,
WASHINGTON, DC 20530
(corner of 10th and Pennsylvania Ave.)

Join religious and civic leaders
in public witness to lament,
demand just policies in policing,
and an end to racism.

Please wear clergy attire, as appropriate.
COVID-19 protocols will be enforced.

Organized by:
The Washington Interfaith Staff Community (WISC)

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Date: Friday, April 23, 3pm ET (Speaker please arrive by 2:30pm)

Location: Starting point and rally outside Department of Justice building located at 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (corner of 10th and Penn. Ave), Washington, DC 20530, walk to Freedom Plaza

Description: Every person deserves the right to live a life free from harassment, discrimination, and police brutality. Join religious and civic leaders will gather in public witness to lament, demand for just policies in policing, and an end to racism.

Faith and Justice Rally Agenda:

- 3pm **Opening Remarks** by Dr. Sabrina Dent, *Senior Faith Adviser, Americans United for Separation of Church and State*
- 3:04pm **Prayer/Moment of Silence** by Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune (emcee), *Chief Operating Officer, National Council of Churches*
- 3:10pm **Speakers (Keep remarks to 2-3 mins.):**
Yenny Delgado – *founder of PUBLICA and Wesley Theological Seminary student*
Rabbi Esther Lederman – *Director of Congregational Innovation, Union of Reform Judaism*
Jason Miller - *Director of Campaigns & Development, Franciscan Action Network*
Dr. Nisa Muhammad – *Chaplain, Howard University*
Rev. Charles Watson, Jr. – *Director of Education, Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty*
- 3:25pm **Music**
- 3:30pm **Speakers (Keep remarks to 2-3 mins.):**
Rev. Jennifer Butler – *Executive Director, Faith In Public Life*
Danile Fibby – *organizer, D.C. affiliate of Black Nonbelievers*
Rev. Nancy Neal – *Director of Church Relations, Bread for the World*
Anthony Vance – *Director, U.S. Baha'is Office of Public Affairs*
Bishop LaTrelle Easterling - *Baltimore-Washington Conference, United Methodist Church*
- 3:45pm **Call to Action for the Community** - Rev. Leslie Copeland-Tune

- 3:50pm **March to Freedom Plaza** (*Singing and chanting – remain on sidewalks*)
- 4:20pm **Final remarks** by The Reverend Terrance M. McKinley, *Senior Pastor, Campbell AME Church and Director of Racial Justice and Mobilizing, Sojourners*
- 4:30pm **Rally/March ends at Freedom Plaza**

Talking Points for Interfaith Rally for Justice and Healing: Our Work Is Not Done!

- The guilty verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial is welcomed but not the end of the work that needs to be done for justice, police reform and ending racism.
- Every person deserves to live a life free from harassment, discrimination, and police brutality.
- We mourn the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Daunte Wright, Adam Toledo, and just Tuesday, moments after the verdict came in for the Chauvin trial, Ma’Khia Bryant – deaths that could have and should have been avoided.
- We continue to hold their families in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to fight for justice and wide sweeping reforms to policing.
- Policing in the U.S. must have extensive reforms so that every person and community can count on them to “protect and serve.”
- Unarmed Black and Brown people should not die at the hands of police. Officers must be held accountable for their actions.
- Incidents of unarmed Black and Brown people being killed by police seem to happen every day, but we are done dying/watching people die because of the misconduct, unconscious bias and/or poor training of police officers.
- People have the right to live with dignity and respect.
- No one should lose their life for \$20, minor traffic violations, sleeping in their bed, with their hands up or after they call police for help.
- Police reform must include:
 - Banning chokeholds
 - Ending Qualified Immunity
 - Establishing a registry that identifies police officers that have faced disciplinary action or have been charged with the use of excessive force so that they cannot be fired from one jurisdiction and hired by another.
 - Ending the use of military-grade weapons in policing communities (the 1033 program)
- Additional training of police officers in community policing, de-escalation, and unconscious bias is necessary for police in every community.
- Strengthen background checks for police officers so that any history of white supremacist activities can be discovered before hiring.
- We call on the Biden Administration to make good on its commitment to police reform and confronting systemic racism and racial disparities.