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MW 023 Police Violence

The following is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Executive Council at its meeting from June 8 – 11, 2020, at which a quorum was present and voting.

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting virtually from June 8-11, 2020, remembers and grieves for Mr. George Floyd, Ms. Breonna Taylor, and all other victims of police brutality; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Episcopal Church commit to offering a prophetic response to these deaths and acts of injustice by committing to the ongoing, patient, determined, faithful, long-term ministry of anti-racism work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council praises the people and congregations of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota for their public calls for acts of justice in response to the murder of Mr. George Floyd by a white officer in the Minneapolis Police Department, and committing themselves to the long, steady work toward that justice by joining with activists and organizations already on the ground; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council praises the people and congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky for their public calls for acts of justice in response to the fatal shooting of Ms. Breonna Taylor by white officers of the Louisville Metro Police; the effective anti-racism work of their diocesan Racial Reconciliation Task Force; and their longstanding, transformative community ministry through the Louisville Urban Partnership; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy, laity, and dioceses of the Episcopal Church be exhorted to carry out General Convention Resolution 2018-A229 (Acknowledge Police Violence and Confront Racism), by examining all incidents of police violence in their localities and working in concert with other advocates to organize, advocate, and dismantle systems, policies, and practices that reinforce police violence and brutality; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy, laity, and dioceses of the Episcopal Church join community and grassroots leaders in advocating with local and state governments to bring about substantive and mandatory change in police departments and policing and to allocate resources for community-based models of safety, support, and prevention.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Barlowe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe
Secretary of Executive Council and
The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society
of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America