

The Statement of Solidarity
by the Asian and Asian Descent Presidents and Deans
of the Association of Theological Schools

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We the Asian and Asian Descent Presidents and Deans, of the Association of Theological Schools deplore and denounce the atrocious subjugation of our African American brothers and sisters to the violence of systemic racism and white supremacy. We express our deepest grief over the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Aubrey Ahmad, Breonna Taylor, and lament the long history of Black lives lost to the unjust fatal force of law enforcement.

We stand in solidarity with the African American Community and demand justice and respect for all people, recognizing the sacredness of every life. In the spirit of solidarity, therefore, we support the statement released earlier by the African American Presidents and Deans, entitled ["Black Presidents and Deans Say: No More Stolen Black Lives!"](#) as well as the ["Statement of Solidarity by Latin@ Presidents and Deans of ATS Schools"](#).

We the Asian and Asian Descent Presidents and Deans, are hereby resolved to lead our respective institutions, and join with other leaders in our local communities, with a decisive commitment to understanding the pervasive history and presence of racial violence, engaging in justice-seeking dialogues, and mobilizing our communities to life-giving action. We say today and every day, with one voice, BLACK LIVES MATTER!

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