

Statement On George Floyd

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Our Interfaith Community Speaks Out

The city and the country are keenly aware of the divisions that persist in so many segments of our society, yet Cincinnati's interfaith community representing 13 world religions continues to come together to lead with a message of resolve.

“It is important for us to not only denounce the murder of George Floyd, as almost everyone has done, but also to commit as people of faith to ending ongoing systemic racism in all areas of our society,” said Chip Harrod, executive director of EquaSion.

As EquaSion continues to convene our region’s interfaith community with its focus on equality, spirituality and inclusion, the issue of racism and racial inequity is among its concerns. The statement signed by more than 140 faith leaders includes the following:

“We need to stop paying lip service and honestly address the societal problems caused by our racial inequities, evidenced recently by the disparities in the infection rate of COVID-19. We must commit ourselves to eradicating systemic inequities and doing more to close the social distance gap that still exists between our racial, religious and ethnic groups....

We, therefore, call upon all persons of goodwill to a greater degree of personal accountability and engagement. Let us be accountable to and for one another, and let us become more engaged in working together for the dignity and well-being of all of our neighbors. In short, let us come together as a caring community should!”

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The signature event of EquaSion is the **Cincinnati Festival of Faiths**, our community's most inclusive gathering of faith traditions in celebration of our rich

religious diversity. In deference to the need to continue health and safety measures, this year's 3rd annual event will be presented virtually during the latter part of August. Stay tuned for the exciting details and participation opportunities.

EquaSion is a nonpartisan civic association whose mission is to promote Compassion through Action: Acting on our compassion, we engage people of all faiths to discover their shared humanity and spirituality, and to work together for an equitable and just community for all.



The Cincinnati Festival of Faiths Spring Concert was presented by EquaSion (Equality. Spirituality. Inclusion.) in collaboration with XU's Brueggeman Center for Dialogue and the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. The audience feedback certainly affirmed our belief in the unique power of music to lift our spirits and to foster community among us. **In the event you were unable to view the concert or did view it and would like to share it with others, our producer Kyle Echols has posted our concert on YouTube. [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)**



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