

Statement on the Killing of George Floyd and Racial Injustice
Little Sisters of the Assumption Family in Mission
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"Building on our experience of creating Family, we are connected by a desire to transform our world beginning in our local communities. We commit to learning from and joining with the global movement for social justice. We are one with all creation. We partner with and celebrate the diversity of all those who journey with us."

The Spiritual Covenant we share impels us to act on behalf of justice and peace. In light of recent events we want to share the following statement:

Little Sisters of the Assumption Family in Mission condemns all acts of racism and most recently the police killing of George Floyd. We stand united with the Family and Friends of George Floyd. We stand with all those who have been affected by violence by law enforcement, all who have died, been harassed, denied or treated differently because of the color of their skin. The denial of the rights and dignity of our African American neighbors must end now.

We ask forgiveness of our sisters and brothers of color for our complacency in the face of racism. We promise to speak out loudly in promoting the building of a beloved community where all are treated with respect and dignity.

We pledge to act on our Core Values:

to **CARE** for one another so as to give birth to covenant relationships-empathy, friendship, tenderness, compassion, mercy, unconditional love and deep respect.

to **COMMIT** to being one world family, bonded together and sent to change conditions that breed poverty, injustice, discrimination and marginalization.

to believe in the power of **MUTUALITY** recognizing that the power of growth is in relationship in where every encounter we are both giver and receiver. We value 'power with vs power over'.

to live what we **BELIEVE**. We are sent to those who have neither voice nor influence in this world.

to have **HOPE** and belief in the capacity to rise beyond one's struggles.

to **TRANSFORM** and that spirituality leads to personal transformation and transformation of the world.

Little Sisters of the Assumption Family in Mission is a non-profit organization inspired and established for the purpose of continuing the spirit and mission of the Little Sisters of the Assumption. We are connected by a desire to transform our world.