

**A HANDBOOK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE SYSTEMIC INJUSTICES TOWARDS
THE BLACK COMMUNITY IN AMERICA**



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INTRODUCTION

YOUNG MUSLIMS (YM) STANDS IN FIRM SOLIDARITY WITH OUR BLACK BROTHERS AND SISTERS. TO PROPERLY RAISE AWARENESS AND EDUCATE OURSELVES ABOUT THE SYSTEMIC INJUSTICES TOWARDS THE BLACK COMMUNITY IN AMERICA, WE MUST FIRST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WHAT WE ARE WITNESSING IS SIMPLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG WHEN IT COMES TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY. WE HAVE MANY STEPS TO TAKE TO BRIDGE THE GAP IN UNDERSTANDING. TO BEGIN TO ADDRESS THIS, WE HAVE COMPILED THIS HANDBOOK. WE HAVE INCLUDED SOME CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TOOLS AND ACTION ITEMS SUCH AS SIGNING PETITIONS, EMAILING, AND CALLING ELECTED OFFICIALS TO HELP WITH THE SHORT-TERM IMMEDIATE ACTION. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ALSO INCLUDED EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE COMING UP WITH LONG-TERM, SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT THE BLACK COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE IN THE FAMOUS QUOTE OF MALCOM X, "EDUCATION IS OUR PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE, FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY."

WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO WORK LOCALLY, ESPECIALLY WITH YOUR RESPECTIVE INNER-CITY MUSLIM COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT AND EMPOWER THEIR INITIATIVES. OUR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TEAM WILL PROVIDE MORE RESOURCES AND GUIDELINES REGARDING WORKING WITH THE INNER-CITY MOSQUES AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THE LOCATION OF THESE COMMUNITIES IN EVERY REGION.

WE MUST TAKE ACTION TO COMBAT FUTURE RACISM AND INJUSTICES PREVALENT IN OUR SOCIETY. YM LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDS ALL OUR MEMBERS TO SET UP AN ACTION BASED NEIGHBORNET AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CURRENT ACTIVITIES TO FURTHER INCREASE AWARENESS AMONGST OUR ATTENDEES. AS AN ORGANIZATION, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS NEEDS TO BE A DISCUSSION THAT CONTINUES BEYOND THE NEWS CYCLE. THEREFORE, WE WILL BE PROVIDING SOME TOPIC SUGGESTIONS AND TALKING POINTS TO MENTION AS WE SEEK TO EDUCATE OUR MEMBERS AND REFORM THE ORGANIZATION TO ENSURE WE ARE A YOUTH ORGANIZATION FOR MUSLIMS OF EVERY ETHNICITY AND RACE.

BOOKS

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MALCOLM X AS TOLD BY ALEX HALEY

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**THE NEW JIM CROW: MASS INCARCERATION IN THE AGE OF
COLORBLINDNESS BY MICHELLE ALEXANDER**

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JUST MERCY BY BRYAN STEVENSON

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HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST BY DR. IBRAM X. KENDI

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THEY CANNOT KILL US ALL (KINDLE) BY WESLEY LOWERY

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MOVIES & DOCUMENTARIES

**WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO HOST WATCH-PARTIES WITH YOUR
NEIGHBORNET AND WATCH THE FOLLOWING MOVIES AND
DOCUMENTARIES TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE REALITY OF
SYSTEMIC RACISM IN AMERICA.**

“13TH” DOCUMENTARY

DOCUMENTARY REVIEW AND SUMMARY

WATCH ON YOUTUBE

JUST MERCY

WATCH ON YOUTUBE

OTHER LINKS

WHEN THEY SEE US – 4 PART TV DRAMA

WATCH ON NETFLIX

THE BLACK PANTHERS: VANGUARD OF THE REVOLUTION

WATCH ON PRIME VIDEO

\$10 – BUY ON YOUTUBE

\$5 – RENT ON ITUNES

PODCASTS & TED TALKS

PODCAST - POLICE BRUTALITY: STRUCTURAL RACISM | ICNA CSJ

WATCH ON YOUTUBE

TED TALK – WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT AN INJUSTICE BY BRYAN STEVENSON

WATCH ON YOUTUBE

TED TALK – THE FUTURE OF RACE IN AMERICA BY MICHELLE ALEXANDER

WATCH ON YOUTUBE

PETITION LINKS

WE ENCOURAGE OUR MEMBERS TO RAISE THEIR VOICES BY SIGNING THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THESE CAUSES:

LINKS TO MULTIPLE PETITIONS - SAY THEIR NAMES
NATIONAL ACTION AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY! PROSECUTE
POLICE WHO MURDER UNARMED INDIVIDUALS!
JUSTICE FOR BREONNA TAYLOR
JUSTICE FOR AHMUAD ARBERY
JUSTICE FOR SHUKRI ABDI

TEXT

- **TEXT FLOYD TO 55-156 TO GET DIRECT ACCESS TO THE PETITION**
- **TEXT ENOUGH TO 55-165 TO GET DIRECT ACCESS TO THE PETITION**
- **TEXT AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR LOUISVILLE MAYOR AND DEMAND JUSTICE FOR BREONNA TAYLOR 502-574-2003**

EMAILS

THE OFFICERS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLING OF BREONNA TAYLOR ARE STILL NOT CHARGED. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SEND OUT THE FOLLOWING EMAIL:

JUSTICE FOR BREONNA TAYLOR TEMPLATE LETTER:

HELLO,
MY NAME IS [YOUR NAME]. I AM EMAILING TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE BREONNA TAYLOR CASE. I AM CALLING FOR THE PROSECUTION OF SERGEANT JONATHAN MATTINGLY, BRETT HANKISON AND MYLES COSGROVE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW- WE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL THAT HAPPENS. THE MAN THE OFFICERS WERE LOOKING FOR DID NOT EVEN LIVE IN THE SAME BUILDING AND WAS ALREADY IN CUSTODY. KENNETH WALKER ACTED IN SELF-DEFENSE, AND FOR THIS HE SHOULD NOT BE PROSECUTED. THE APPROACH THAT THE OFFICERS CHOSE TO TAKE IN ARRIVING IN PLAIN CLOTHES, UNMARKED CARS AND NOT ANNOUNCING THEMSELVES WAS ONE THAT RESULTED IN MURDER AND MUST NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.
BLACK LIVES MATTER.
REGARDS.

EMAIL TO: INFO@MPDFEDERATION.COM

CONTACT ELECTED OFFICIALS

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO DO THEIR DUE DILIGENCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES FOR FUTURE ELECTIONS.

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