

Dear Stanford Zumba Community,

Ordinarily, our Friday email would confirm this week's remote class and celebrate the weekend with dance and energy. But this has been a week of immense pain, sadness, and anger. It is time not to celebrate, but to speak up and stand firm.

Stanford Zumba stands in solidarity with Black Lives Matter and the Black community. We share in the pain caused by the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Admaud Arbery, Eric Garner, Philando Castile, Trayvon Martin and countless other Black folks, and vow to be part of the movement toward real change.

For these reasons, **we will not have classes this week.** Our Core team recognizes that systemic racism is a deep-seated plague, with police brutality as one manifestation. We have been reflecting on ways that we occupy systems founded on white supremacy, tracing back to the origins of this country. For non-Black folks, to not **actively fight for racial justice** is to accept those oppressive systems. With this in mind, we pledge to have a fundraiser for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in the future; we will share more details in the coming weeks.

We have also been reflecting on the ways that we have benefited from the many contributions of Black folks. As Zumba instructors, our choreographies and music are often created by or draw inspiration from Black artists. We pledge to celebrate their voices in a way that upholds dignity and respect. We also recognize that both the Civil Rights and Pride movements were major landmarks of progress led by Black activists. Without their sacrifices, many of us on the Core team would not be in a position to write this email to you today.

This quarter, through digital class and the devastation of a pandemic, you have all continued to foster the Zumba community, and we have been delighted to take part. But now, **we call on everyone to be part of the active fight for justice.** Please see below for some ways to support the movement, including petitions to sign and ways to donate.

This is a historic moment, and we hope you are all charged with the power, fearlessness, and conviction to face it.

Love always,
Stanford Zumba

WHERE TO TAKE ACTION & RESOURCES

Compiled Resources

[Black Lives Matter Card](#) (easily navigable ways to support)

[Take Action Against Anti-Blackness](#) (petitions and places to support)

[Guide to Allyship](#) (timeline of events, includes petitions and resources)

More Places to Donate

[NAACP Legal Defense Fund](#) (racial justice through litigation, advocacy, public education)

[Local Bail Funds](#) (find national and local bail funds)

[Community Bail Funds](#) (splits donations between 39 bail funds)

[Black Visions Collective](#) (Black and QT-led org fighting systems of oppression and violence)

[Campaign Zero](#) (research and policy campaign to end police violence)

Matching Donations

[Matchers Spreadsheet](#)

[Tech Dollars Matching for Justice](#)

[Corporate Matching](#)

Other Ways to Support

[Color of Change](#) (active online campaigns and petitions)

[Phone Banking with Stanford Students for Workers' Rights](#)

To Learn More

[Anti-racist reading list](#) (from NYT)

[Black trans women and Pride](#) (from USA Today)

[Intersection of Africa with Latin Music](#) (Omaha Magazine)