

In light of the long history of systemic, institutional violence against black people in America, and the recent murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and too many others, the Buddhist Community at Stanford is moved to express our solidarity with Black Lives Matter.

We do not tolerate hatred. We stand on the side of compassion. Buddhists actively strive to *eliminate* hatred, ignorance, and greed, which we believe are the root causes of racism.

We support the Stanford Solidarity Network and all other organizations and individuals working to radically transform our systems and institutions so that they serve justice and peace. Moreover, we welcome any members of the Stanford community in need of support during this and any time.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." We aspire now and always that all beings may be free from suffering and the causes of suffering.

In solidarity and in hope,
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Anti-Racist Buddhist booklist:

Radical Dharma: Talking Race, Love and Liberation by Rev. angel Kyodo Williams, Lama Rod Owens et al.

Healing Resistance: A Radically Different Response to Harm by Kazu Haga

A Fierce Heart: Finding Strength, Courage, and Wisdom in any Moment by Spring Washam

The Inner Work of Racial Justice: Healing Ourselves and Transforming our Communities through Mindfulness by Rhonda Magee

all about love: new visions by bell hooks

The Body is Not an Apology by Sonya Renee Taylor

Buddhism and Whiteness: Critical Reflections, edited by George Yancy and Emily McCrae