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Dear Members,

We are not alone in sharing the pain and anger of these past weeks due to the continued injustices in the United States. The violence against Black communities in the US, xenophobia and the loss of life due to the COVID-19 pandemic has rippled across the world. We join our members at International ACAC in denouncing these injustices and working collectively to support and uplift our members.

As we learn more about the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, frustrations, anger and fear have heightened across the United States. Calls for support [are global](#) and we understand that our Black colleagues and students around the world need to hear and know their colleagues in international education will help confront and fight racism and police brutality in the United States that has gone on far too long. For some in our community, these deaths and the challenges associated with the pandemic feel distant, and for others they are much closer to home. **We trust that in our shared global community we can all agree that [Black Lives Matter](#).**

Indeed, violence and injustice are not confined to the United States. International ACAC is a global organization with members who live and work in countries that share similar stories of inequality and discrimination to people of different [races](#), [ethnicities](#), or [religions](#). Oppression of minorities is a far too common occurrence in our world, and it can seem like the issue is so systemic in our culture that there is little we can do to stop the pain and suffering. Change may take generations, but today, education of our generation, and the next, is the most important step we can take together.

As international educators, we must join in developing awareness, knowledge and service towards justice - especially within ourselves. Education is a vehicle for fighting injustice by building consciousness, understanding white privilege and gaining tools to address obstacles that affect change. We must continue to learn about these issues and further the causes of equality and justice.

List of Resources

- [Anti-racism resources for white people](#)
- [Questions to Ask Before Posting on Social Media](#)
- [Supporting Black Lives Matter in the UK](#)
- [Sample documentaries to watch](#)

In solidarity,

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