

## Frustration about our church ignoring George Floyd's murder is not constructive

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After reading several posts and comments by members of our movement throughout social media, I feel an urge to say what's been on my mind.

I believe that the frustration toward our church regarding their initial lack of a public statement (or lack of a particular message within that statement) is not constructive. I do think there is an argument for an official statement, but personally I feel it's self-evident within our movement and in our ideology that racism is unacceptable. It's no place for us to "call out" our church, expressing dissatisfaction with a hint of bitterness. Millions of people on social media are "doing their part" by donating a sum of money and posting a picture with petition links. I think we all know the issue is deeper than that, and I'm glad our church did not do something similar and call it a day. There's no doubt in my heart that our movement has the best interest of the world in mind, and I think a level of trust and faith in our movement is required from all of us at this time.

When I grew up in the church, I was always taught to first work on myself and grow to completion. Today, this is ever so evident with one of our movement's mottos, "Peace Starts With Me". And

personally, I think most of us are guilty of not having peace within ourselves (myself included). Before we are so easily critical of what is going on out in the world, I feel each of us should really sit down and make sure we are the best versions of ourselves. That we strive each day to improve, challenge our minds, challenge our opinions, and aspire to be great. Because that's the version of ourselves that the world deserves, not one that acts in the spur of the moment, fed by whatever social media wants us to think. Of course, emotion and anger is 100% justified with the recent events regarding police brutality. But there is danger in acting upon that anger immediately. And what I would like to see put forth by members of our movement are unique, powerful, infallible, and admirable arguments of peace that will stand the test of time, not clever, spontaneous retorts that will amass momentary support from a twitter audience. We're capable of more than that, and I think long, constructive discussion is part of the challenging journey to lasting solutions for world issues.



As a blessed child, I truly feel I am part of the front line of this world's generation, who will push the needle in changing the world for the better, and getting closer to world peace. Someone who will protect others from the influence of Satan, serve those who are in need, and inspire strength and drive in others to keep pushing for a better tomorrow. Protect, serve, and inspire: a sort of policeman, so to speak. And I think the more we have empathy for victims, policemen, the movement, and the world, the closer we can get to God and True Parent's ideal.

If anyone has thoughts and wants to comment on what I said, please comment about it. I think everyone has knowledge to offer, and I want to learn too.