

# THE STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENTS



We the Senior Church Leaders in Bristol would like to formally express our deepest condolences to the family of George Floyd and the other families who have lost their loved ones under similar circumstances. We are appalled and shocked at the manner in which these deaths have occurred. In our response to such blatant injustices we will strengthen our resolve to work towards a much fairer and more equitable society and world. Working collaboratively for the common good to help bring about positive structural adjustments to the systemic socio-economic and racial injustices in society.

The anti-racism protests seen in Bristol, across the country and in other parts of the world on 7th June 2020 brings home the truth articulated by Martin Luther King Jnr. that *"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice every where."*

He added *"we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."*

**On our part we will pursue the path of reconciliation in order to help build a unified City of hope in Bristol for all to be able to flourish.**

## THE PRESIDENTS

**Bishop Renford Brown**

Bristol Black Churches Council

**Rev. Nigel Coles**

Senior Leader, West of England Baptist Network

**The Rt. Revd. Vivienne Faull**

Bishop of Bristol, Church of England

**Major Ian Harris**

Divisional Commander, Severn and Somerset Division, Salvation Army

**The Rt. Revd. Declan Lang**

Bishop of Clifton, Catholic

**Rev. Dr. Jonathan Pye**

Chair, Bristol District of the Methodist Church

**Rob Scott-Cook**

Celebration Network of Churches

**Rev. Ruth Whitehead**

Moderator, South Western Synod, United Reformed Church

**Chair - Rev. Eric Aidoo**

Churches Together in Greater Bristol and Together4Bristol

