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As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (Cape Church) we are deeply concerned about and categorically condemn the continued heinous crimes against women and the violent deaths of George Floyd, Collins Khoza and countless other people of colour. We see it not only as part of our Christian mandate, but also as a fundamental human concern of a democratic civil society, that we vehemently oppose gender- and race-related violence and injustice on all fronts. In view of this we support initiatives like the Black Lives Matter movement (against racism) and Thursdays in Black (highlighting escalation of Gender Based Violence). Such initiatives stand up against racism, discrimination and oppression of all kinds, albeit respecting the rule of law and renouncing violent protest and damage to property. By ringing our church bells on a Wednesday at 12:00 noon, we add our voice and tears to the many already heard and seen. In being committed to the Constitution of South Africa, we pursue a zero tolerance policy against victimisation of any kind within our church. We explicitly support an open, democratic and respectful discourse concerning these matters within and outside the church community and invite our members to engage in such discourse in a way that reflects the compassion and passion for justice Christ stands for.

Pastors Convocation of ELCSA (Cape Church)

Bishop

YouTube links:

<https://youtu.be/KDHqkDvITZU>

https://youtu.be/RhTKR_Ilawk