

National Black Church Initiative

P.O. Box 65177
Washington, DC 20035
202-744-0184
dcbci2002@gmail.com
www.naltblackchurch.com

Contact:

Rev. Anthony Evans
202-744-0184

July 18, 2016

For Immediate Release

The National Black Church Initiative Orders a 72 Hour Moratorium on Protests in Baton Rouge and Minnesota in Honor of Slain Police Officer but not in Cleveland

Cleveland, we must take it to the politicians

Washington, DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, is honoring the request of police leadership in both Baton Rouge and Michigan to hold off on protests for 72 hours in honor of the slain policemen. We are very happy to honor those requests by the police leadership in both of those cities and feel very strongly, that those who truly serve and protect the interests of all citizens should be honored. But those police who target the African American community unfairly, we will continue to apply nonviolent pressure until they respect us. The shooting yesterday is completely heartrending and we feel for the families who are affected. This is why we will take the unusual step in making sure that none of our members and those who we have a coalition with like Black Lives Matter will honor this moratorium

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says, “I’ve heard the plea of our brethren, General Russel L. Honoré who demonstrated a sense of humanity when he forced the National Guards to lower their weapons around the victims of Katrina and demanded that they be treated like human beings and Americans. We would observe this moratorium for the next 72 hours and then we will begin to plan more nonviolent peaceful demonstrations in those cities according to our overall strategies. But we will not do this in Cleveland whereby we are taking our grievance straight to the political parties and we will also do this in Philadelphia

when the Democrats throw their convention. No one will ever take our authority away to lay down our grievances peacefully in nonviolence, but as the Church our hearts are broken concerning the slain officers in both Dallas and Baton Rouge.”

ABOUT NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI’s mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI’s purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI’s programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.