

# National Black Church Initiative

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## NBCI Bemoans Michael Dunn Verdict

### *Our Justice System Continues to Fail Defenseless Black Youth*

**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 American churchgoers calls on Christians everywhere to pray for the soul of America. The church is saddened and angered that juries across the U.S. refuse to convict privileged majorities at the expense of unarmed and defenseless young black men. Black mothers and fathers must know that their black boys will be protected by the law and not be a victim of the law. How much pain must a race of people continue to take?

A favorable verdict for Mr. Dunn undoubtedly ignites deeper racial divides and instigates conflict. The church cannot continue to tell black mothers that they must sacrifice their boys to the racist fears of White males and to a law deeply rooted in evil. The American Legislative Exchange Council, ALEC, is the true guilty party in this case. They have created justifiable homicide, rooted in racial discrimination. ALEC must be held responsible for every single death around the country.

Rev. Anthony Evans NBCI President, says, “All my life I’ve tried to create a symphony of brotherhood, and now I must spend the rest of my life fighting against organizations such as ALEC who do nothing but legislate for the privileged at the expense of the poor and underserved. Do not expect the church to utilize its enormous moral power to stop non-violent protests. This verdict undermines the principle of God and our fragile democracy and should be considered with the utmost severity. Jordan Davis’ death will not be in vain, and NBCI will continue to fight for justice when it comes down to stand your ground. Legal homicide must stop – in the name of God.”

## **About NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 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. 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](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).