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The National Black Church Initiative States if Fr. Governor of Virginia McDonnell Walks Without Jail Time, the Black Church Cannot Tell Members That Justice is Either Fair Or Blind.

Justice for Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown and Eric Garner not just us

Washington, DC -The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a coalition of 34,000 African American churches constituting 15.7 million members, posed the philosophical question -are there two types of justice in America: - one for blacks and one for whites? The outcome of former Virginia Governor McDonnell who has been convicted on eleven federal charges should clear up this mystery. Many whites strongly believe the application of justice in America is fairly applied across the board. Now many, both whites and blacks, will see with their own eyes whether this perception bears true.

Along with his wife, Bob McDonnell, former prosecutor, attorney general, and governor of one of the most documented racist states in the history of American democracy, committed some of the most horrendous crimes (19 count federal convictions) against the citizens of the commonwealth of Virginia and of our nation. At this hour, he and his wife along with a former governor and many prominent citizens who are their friends are asking for leniency. If leniency is granted given the criminal charges of perjury, obstruction of justice, selling the office of the Governor (influence peddling) and other criminal acts, corruption and manipulation become most apparent. So what if former Governor McDonnell might argue he is a first time offender. Many black politicians are as well. Yet the justice system send 99% of these first time offenders to jail. Remember Jack Johnson of Prince George's County.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says that "Judge Spencer should find it easy to sentence former Governor McDonnell. He broke the law by selling the office of the governor and was convicted by his peers and therefore he should go to jail." One may ask why the

church would insist on jail time and not mercy. The church believes the most merciful and fair action to be taken in this case is to send the former governor to jail--- for the sake of God's mercy, the rule of law, and for our fragile democracy of fairness. One must also take into consideration that unlike the American justice system that will sentence Mr. McDonnell, God has no respect of person. God is fair, color blind, and his justice is righteous. This is why we believe in God and not the justice system. There can be no peace without justice.

Here is a man, former Governor McDonnell, who have signed death warrants and allowed the death penalty to be carried out under his name, now, asks for leniency after being convicted on 11 federal counts. This is why the black church must insist especially in this case that the former prosecutor, attorney general and governor go to jail after breaking the very laws he ruthlessly and unmercifully applied to others especially blacks . The broader American society loves to argue that no one his above the law. Now Americans will see if that theory of the application of the law being applied fairly and equally in the case of former Governor McDonnell holds true or whether or not it is just a theory of fairness.

We believe that Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown and Eric Garner were publicly assassinated and the justice system refused to convict any of those who murdered them even when there was a video tape evidence of one of the crime. All of their murderers were white and all of them walked free. Justice in these cases was neither fair nor blind. This is why we argue that the convictions in the McDonnell case must be rendered based on the rule of law and not his white skin. According to the federal sentencing guidelines based upon the 11 count verdict, the former prosecutor, attorney general and governor must be given jail time. God got a wicked sense of humor.

For white people, we believe lady liberty is peeping.

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. The National Black Church Initiative's methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

The National Black Church Initiative'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.