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National Black Church Initiative Calls for the Creation of a 25 Million Dollar Fund to Help Combat Police Brutality in the African American Community

No Peace without Justice

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 calls for the creation of a 25 million dollar fund to help combat police brutality in the African American community. Given the horrific incidents that have happened to African Americans from the Bland case, Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner and Michael Brown, clearly underscores that the black community in 2015 can no longer trust law enforcement for justice. The late Attorney Johnny Cochran encouraged the public to exercise its citizenship rights and *police the police* to ensure social justice and fairness are experienced regardless of status and stature in the community.

The purpose of the fund is to be able to hire investigators to verify the evidentiary findings of the police as well as challenge any emerging suspicions related to those findings in the court of law. For the first time, this will give the black community the ability and access to respond scientifically and systematically to questionable evidence involving African Americans within the court of law. This targeted initiative is why the innocent project headed by Berry Shack has been able to exonerate over 100 African American males on death row. Similarly, this will allow us to create innovative investigative techniques to finally close cold cases of loved ones in our community.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative, says “we must do something bold using a strategic and results-oriented approach to eradicate disparities of justice.”

The National Black Church Initiative is willing to work with the National Bar Association to create the apparatus necessary to launch such an ambitious program. We need 300,000 African Americans to send in a simple email to DCBCI2002@gmail.com saying these simple words: "We will stand with you." We ask that you send in at least \$50.00 to start the process of generating this important fund.

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.