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The National Black Church Initiative Declares the Relationship Between Law Enforcement and the Black Church Has Changed Forever

Will the Church Ever Trust the Police Again?

Washington, DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a coalition of 34,000 African American churches constituting 15.7 million members indicates that the uneasy relationship that has gone on for years between politicians, law enforcement and the church has finally broken and may not be able to mend it back again. The Black Church can no longer trust law enforcement and we will begin to re-evaluate how the working relationship will proceed. The murder of Eric Garner by Daniel Pantaleo and the Grand Jury system has forever changed the civil interaction between the three. The church cannot honestly tell its' members to respect the rule of law when the law itself is evil.

The church cannot trust the application of how that law is applied to African Americans. So we have decided to not utilize civil law and the administration of justice as an example of becoming a good citizen. This case has overshadowed any likelihood that the church going forward will work in concert with the law enforcement community. We deserve the right to work on a case by case basis when it comes to law enforcement. We will no longer instruct our members to trust or have any faith in the offices of district attorneys or the Grand Jury system. The Garner case has destroyed our faith in this legal framework.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative decries; “I do not know what to tell our clergy going forward. I have never seen such a blatant violation of one of God's

children. Eric Garner's murder was caught on videotape for all to see and the Staten Island borough and everyone who lives in Staten Island is guilty of Mr. Garner's death, and we can also conclude that they "Staten Island" hate the working poor. NBCI is calling for a 10 year boycott of anything concerning Staten Island going forward.”

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.