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NEWSLETTER

Donald Trump takes a swipe at Catholics and Jews who did not vote for him

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Former president Donald Trump complained about Catholics and Jews who did not vote for him in the 2020 election despite all he did for their communities. Trump made the comments in a campaigning call on

Thursday organized by the religious group Intercessors for America.

"I did a lot for the Catholics. And I don't know, you know, I'm a little bit surprised that we didn't do better with the Catholic vote," Trump said.

"I think now they would give us their vote. I think we got about 50% of the vote. And yet, we did a lot for the Catholic vote. So we'll have to talk to them. We're gonna have to meet with the Catholics.""I just don't understand how that's even possible," he said.

The former president expressed similar disappointment about receiving a low number of votes from Jewish people. "Look what I did with the embassy in Jerusalem and what I did with so many other things. Israel has never had a better friend, and yet I got 25% of the [Jewish] vote," he said. "I think they have to get together. There has to be a little bit more unity with the religious groups all represented on this call."



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The conference call, which included leaders of various Christian and Jewish religious organizations, could be seen as the former president attempting to shore up his conservative religious base ahead of the next election. During the call, Trump repeated his widely debunked claims that he won the 2020 election and told listeners, "we have to fight like never before."

The call opened with controversial Christian televangelist Paula White, who worked as Trump's "spiritual adviser" during his presidency.

Trump and White also took the opportunity to unveil their new National Faith Advisory Board initiative, which closely resembles the Faith and Opportunity Initiative that the former president launched while in office in 2018. The Jewish Forward described the initiative as an outreach effort to push back against what Republicans describe as the Biden administration's "anti-faith agenda." In the conference call, Trump repeatedly asserted that President Joe

Biden and Democrats were doing bad things for religion but did not elaborate on what he meant."What they're doing to religion, what they're doing to Christianity, it's a very, very sad thing for our country," he said.



During the call, Trump praised his own record on religion, stating, "I don't think anyone has done anywhere near as much for our religion and for religion generally than we have in the past four years."

He later added, "One of my greatest honors was fighting for religious liberty and for defending the Judeo-Christian values and principles of our nation's founding." Donald Trump has previously described himself as a "nondenominational Christian."



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When asked about his own religion during the call, Trump said, "It's all based around God. It's so important. God is so important to the success of what we're doing."

Reverend Al Sharpton: "Americans Are Still Fighting for Voting Rights"



"Nobody got up one morning and said it's time to give people the right to vote. The endless determination of many activists and organizers brought the urgency — "the fierce urgency of now," as King put it — to the

forefront," A week after 50,000 Americans converged on Washington, D.C. and other cities across the country to protest voter disenfranchisement, the pressure is on Congress to pass comprehensive and meaningful legislation to protect the right to vote.

Reverend Sharpton and Martin Luther King III have vowed to stay on this issue. "In that building the senators will decide whether to continue the segregationist legislative strategy of filibuster or whether they're going to give the people of this country the right to vote with no prohibition," Reverend Sharpton told those who gathered in D.C. last week, pointing to Capitol Hill. "That building is the target of our social justice movement. Not 58 years ago but today."

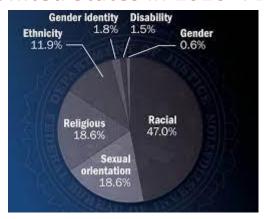
Unlike the Jan 6 insurrection on the Capitol, last Saturday's march was peaceful and nonviolent. "We are the real patriots showing America how to be at its best," he said President Biden and U.S. Senators must take action on the filibuster. Call your U.S.



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Senators at **202-224-3121** and urge them to act now!

Hate crimes hit 12-year high in United States in 2020 -FBI



NEW YORK (Reuters) -The number of hate crimes in the United States rose last year to the highest level in more than a decade, driven by a rise in assaults targeting Black victims and victims of Asian descent, the FBI reported on Monday. The 2020 data, submitted to the FBI by more than 15,000 law enforcement agencies across the country,

identified 7,759 hate-crimes in 2020, a 6% increase over 2019 and the highest tally since 2008. The FBI data showed the number of offenses targeting Blacks rose to 2,755 from 1,930 and incidents against Asians jumped to 274 from 158. Of the 7,426 hate crime offenses classified as crimes against people, as opposed to crimes against property, 53.4% were for intimidation, 27.6% were for simple assault and 18.1% were for aggravated assault. Twenty-two murders and 19 rapes were reported as hate crimes.

"Preventing and responding to hate crimes and hate incidents is one of the Justice Department's highest priorities," U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement. "The FBI Hate Crime Statistics for 2020 demonstrates the urgent need for a comprehensive response." The Justice Department has warned that white



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supremacist groups represent a rising security threat after the deadly Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol. At the same time, reports of hate-inspired attacks on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have also been on the rise, spurred by what many say were then-President Donald Trump's inflammatory remarks blaming the COVID-19 pandemic on China.

In May, Garland outlined new steps to help state and local police track and investigate hate crimes, which historically have been an under-reported crime to the FBI by local law enforcement, and called for the department to expedite the review of possible hate crimes. A hate crimes bill to combat violence against Asian Americans passed the U.S. Senate in April with overwhelming bipartisan support. The measure designated a Justice Department employee to expedite a review of

hate crimes reported to police during the COVID-19 pandemic.

(Reporting by Jan Wolfe; Editing by Scott Malone, David Gregorio and Jonathan Oatis)

It Is Harder to End a War Than Begin One

Rev. Graylan Scott Hagler, Senior Minister, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ & Director & Chief Visionary, Faith Strategies, LLC August 31, 2021

Twenty years ago, planes crashed into the World Trade Centers, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania. There was disbelief, weeping, and shock as people in the affected areas looked for their loved ones. There was a deep eeriness in the air, and grief and disbelief set in, and then the tone began to shift to revenge and retribution. Chants began



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to arise like "USA! USA! USA!" Politicians and preachers began to use the phrase "God bless America," as if America was somehow more deserving of God's blessings than anywhere else. Three days later I was speaking on the phone with an insurance company



representative about a personal matter, and the insurance representative paused the call so that the entire office could sing "God Bless America." The news sources were all rattling their proverbial sabers, and it would only be a short amount of time before all the pistons would be firing in the war engine. It was a time 20 years ago, a moment, and a setting that the American public could be cajoled and sold anything seemingly patriotic and retaliatory, and it was. The military went into Afghanistan to dislodge Al Qaeda, and it stayed to create a new government and country. Something that the Soviets had tried to do previously. But that was not a history

that the US learned from because the neocons and the defense contractors with the military industrialists decided that it was an opportunity to reconstruct a region in its own image, control the natural resources of the region, and to create governments loyal to the interest of the west and particularly the US. The US invaded Iraq under false pretenses as a result. If you remember there were claims of weapons of mass destruction, that Saddam Hussein was offering asylum to Al Qaeda, and any other excuse to invade Iraq, disassemble a nation and attempt to reassemble one in the image and imagination of the US. If the US controlled Afghanistan and Iraq then with the assistance of their client state, Israel, could put maximum pressure on Iran for its surrender. All this failed. Twenty years later the US has left Page 2 of 3 Afghanistan in failure, watching the cities and towns of the country fall to the Taliban without resistance.

It is this pride, this sense of exceptionalism that continues to haunt the US. Exceptionalism is where a country, an entity or person believes that they are the exception to the rules and even things like history do not apply to them. The US went into Vietnam after France was defeated by the Vietnamese,



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again believing that the events of history would not apply because they were the US and an exception to the tentacles of history. The result of Vietnam were the deaths of 2 million Vietnamese civilians, 1.1 million North Vietnamese troops, 200,000 South Vietnamese troops, and 58,000 U.S. troops. And still the US left in failure and disgrace. In Afghanistan the cost is not as high in deaths, yet some 3,500 US and so called Coalition military, along with the deaths of over of 47,000 civilians, 69,000 Afghan military and police and more than 51,000 Taliban fighters.



Overall, the war has killed more than 171,000 people. It was easy to go to war, but the cost of war is much too high, and the ability to end a war gracefully is nearly impossible. Sergeant Johanny Rosario, 25, Latina, was one of those

killed on August 26, 2021, in one of the final attacks as the US attempted to withdraw from Afghanistan. She was one of 13 US military killed by a suicide bomber, and she was only four years old when this conflict began. Many of the other victims of that blast were not yet born when this debacle began. Many of the troops were Latinx and many in their twenties. Most of them not yet born or too young to remember when these wars began or really to know why. The messy withdrawal, the casualties throughout the war, and even in the final hours, people left behind and fearing for their lives, the military equipment abandoned in hangars and on the field only demonstrates that it is easier to get into a war than to get out of one. A nation is expected to defend itself, and a country should protect its security, and no one faults the country for doing this. But this is not what happened. For the last 21 years the US public have been victims to a wider agenda built upon greed, control, white supremacy and idolatry, and the real terrorist to the country and humanity have been the defense industrialists, those who want to steal the resources of other nations, those Page 3 of 3 interested in empire building by creating client states, and these entities and people have not found a



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war that they did not like yet, nor fail at any opportunity to exploit the public's patriotism for their own greed and exploitative goals.

History continues to prove that events can be used, and usually are, for the purposes of war, and even the media will fan the flames of war through their rhetoric and so-called reporting. We discover that it is easier to go to war but extremely difficult to end it. It is like an addict using their drug of choice. When is enough enough? When has there been enough nation building? When has there been enough stealing of another's resources? When is this addiction with power, greed, and creating the world in the image of the US satisfied? And when will we, the people, stop enabling the addiction? Maybe we will learn these lessons someday and stop enabling the addiction and refuse to be used and manipulated by their lies, concocted events, and circumstances as they ply their greedy and arrogant agenda for their own coffers, lust, and pride. In the words of Nancy Reagan, we must learn to "just say no!" to the next war, the next hype, and the next tempted moment to break into a chant of "USA, USA, USA," or a verse of "God Bless America.

Statement concerning the indictment of two officers charged in the death of Karon Hylton-Brown



On September 24, 2021, Police Officers
Terrance Sutton and Andrew Zabavsky was
indicted on federal charges concerning the
death of Karon Hylton Brown. Sutton is being
charged with second degree murder,
conspiracy, and obstruction of justice.
Zabavsky is charged with conspiracy and
obstruction of justice.

We are grateful to our community who demanded justice for Karon Hylton-Brown. It is because of the those who protested, and stood up against a broken system, that



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ensured Karon's death was given the proper attention and for the villains to be arrested and tried in court. We are also grateful to Chief Contee for holding officers accountable for actions that are unlawful and who misrepresent public servanthood of a Metropolitan Police Officers. As we advocate for federal policing oversight and laws, it is the small wins that contribute to changing society and will help to set a new paradigm for our future.



Although we are pleased with this indictment of these two rogue officers, we realize that this is just a step in the right direction in righting the wrong of bad policing and racial tension in our community. We look for Metropolitan Police officers and all other police departments in our city to bridge the gap

between our communities and their departments by being accountable, relational, and re-trainable. The dehumanization of the black man in America has provided a safe place for the African American male to be chased down like a prey running from its predator and ultimately killed. It is this concept that must be debunked, deflated, and short-circuited, while replaced with the truth. This truth is that black men are not all criminals, unemployed, uneducated, drug addicts, etc. The truths are that socioeconomic ills, systematic racism, and oppression against black people has created a culture for the failure and adverse struggle of our men and boys. It is because of this, that we must change our system of policing, policy, and paradigm, so that our future will look better than our past.

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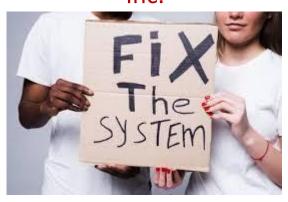


Reverend George Gilbert and The Center for Racial Equity and Justice made the call to the community for a day of prayer. Praying for peace in our streets on September 23, 2021, at Twining Square Park at 10 am. Our city is in a state of emergency and we are asking if you are able, to stand with us as we stand with Rev. Gilbert for our community.



Complaint filed with the U.S.

Department of Health and
Human Services Office for Civil
Rights against MedStar Health,



Organizations filing this complaint: The Health Alliance Network, LLC (lead); The NAACP-DC, Inc.; The Missionary Baptist Ministers Conference of Washington, DC and Vicinity; The Center for Racial Equity and Justice; The Baptist Convention of DC and Vicinity; The Leadership Council for Health Communities; The DC Alliance Empowering Homicide Survivors; Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Robert Vinson Brannum; Rev. Kendrick Curry, Pastor, Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church



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On August 20th, the Director of the DC Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), Wayne Turnage, sent a letter to the DC Council members of the Council Committee on Health, informing them of "a significant development in the Medicaid program that threatens access to care for many of the 230,000 District residents who receive their health services through DHCF's managed care program...." Eighty percent (80%) of DC residents in the Medicaid program are Black and seventy-five percent (75%) live East of the River—a specific geographic area of Washington, DC, that has a Black population rate of ninety-seven percent (97%).

The letter (attached) informs Council members that MedStar Health intends to terminate its contracts with AmeriHealth Caritas DC and CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield, two of the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations contracted to operate in the District of Columbia effective November 2021. MedStar Health operates the two largest hospitals in the District, Washington Hospital Center and Georgetown University Hospital. It also operates the National Rehabilitation Hospital, two urgent care clinics and a large,

hospital affiliated specialty physician practice. According to Turnage's letter to the Council, Medstar's two acute hospitals alone account for over forty four percent (44%) of Medicaid hospital payments and over forty five percent (45%) of Medicaid hospital visits.



MedStar's decision to terminate its contracts with AmeriHealth and CareFirst comes in the wake of two occurrences: the first was the ruling of the DC Contract Appeals Board (CAB) on December 1st 2020 that upheld a protest against the award of a Medicaid managed care contract to MedStar Family Choice, a subsidiary of MedStar Health, Inc., finding that the District violated procurement law and regulation, as well as the terms of the solicitation. The second, was the DC Council's July 2021 vote that supported the CAB's ruling against legislation introduced by Mayor Muriel Bowser that would have effectively



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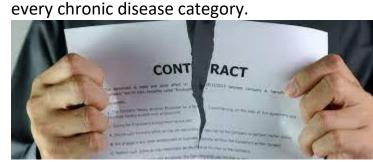
circumvented the CAB's ruling. The decision of the DC Council effectively ended the MedStar Family Choice Medicaid managed care contract as of September 30th, 2021.

In his email to Councilmembers, Director Turnage further states that "What this means is that if the current contracts between the health plans and MedStar expire without renewal, no enrollee in DHCF's managed care program will have access to any MedStar hospital, clinic, rehabilitation facility, or their expansive specialty care suite of physicians."

We believe that MedStar Health's deliberate termination of the AmeriHealth and CareFirst contracts, especially as an act of retaliation, disproportionately impacts and jeopardizes the health, well-being and safety of the over 200,000 Black and Brown Medicaid and DC Health Alliance residents of Washington, DC. Black and Brown residents of the District of Columbia already experience horrific disparities in health access and outcomes.

According to the DC Department of Health's 2018 Health Equity Report, Black and brown residents of Wards 7 & 8 can expect to live at

least 15 years less than white residents on average and is as high as 21 years less. Seventy four percent (74%) of all DC Covid-19 related deaths were among Black residents despite being only forty seven percent (47%) of the population. Wards 7 & 8, referred to as the East of the River region of Washington, DC, has diabetes rates that rank 7th and 1st in the Western Hemisphere respectively. DC also has the third highest opioid overdose rate in the US, with forty-six percent (46%) of the deaths of DC residents occurring in Wards 7 & 8. The DC Department of Health also ranks Wards 7 & 8 as at or near the top in almost



We further believe that MedStar Health's actions:

A) Violate the terms of its Medicaid Provider Agreement, specifically:

Section 1E. requiring compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits



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discrimination based upon race, color and national origin; and

Section IIIF. which states: Effective October 1, 2020, each hospital including the hospital affiliated physician group located in the District of Columbia shall contract with each DC Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) to provide inpatient and outpatient services to all eligible beneficiaries. DHCF reserves the right to terminate this Provider Agreement in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section VI, if it determines the hospital has refused in good faith to negotiate a contract with each DC Medicaid MCO within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this agreement;

- B) Violate provisions of the Medicare statute which also requires compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and prohibits discrimination based upon race, color and national origin;
- C) Violate its agreed obligations contained in the multiple Certificates of Need (CON) filed with the DC Department of Health;
- D) Violate District of Columbia Antitrust laws;

E) Discriminates against and harms Black and Brown poor and low income residents of Washington, DC

We believe that MedStar's actions constitute a pattern and practice of conduct that has been detrimental to the Medicaid program and has disproportionately negatively impacted the health and well-being of Black and Brown District residents.



On August 31st 2021, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser issued a "State of Health Emergency," (attached) to begin to address the MedStar actions and provide for remedies. One day later on September 1st 2021, the Mayor issued another order directing her staff to ignore the CAB's order and extend MedStar's Managed Care contract. However, nothing in her order prevents MedStar Health from effectuating the termination of its contracts with the other two Medicaid Health Plans,



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effective November 2021. It appears that Medstar Health may be using its threat to terminate its contract and deny access to tens of thousands of Medicaid recipients to drive up the prices that Medicaid health plans must pay, for MedStar's Health services. Its actions threaten the very solvency of the Medicaid program. In his email to the DC Council, Wayne Turnage, DHCF Director and Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services states: "We know, for example, that for FY2022, MedStar provided significant provider rate discounts to the other two Medicaid health plans because they had a health plan in the Medicaid program as well. I fully anticipate those discounts -which are worth millions of dollars given the high utilization of the system by the city's Medicaid enrollees -- will quickly vaporize as the starting point in any negotiation between MedStar providers and the health plans. Unfortunately, the MCO rates in the approved FY2022 budget did not contemplate the loss of these discounts. Consequently, the health plans will not have the revenue to absorb higher hospital, clinic, and specialty care cost from MedStar providers without experiencing ruinous financial losses."

Notably, also on September 1st, two DC Councilmembers issued a letter to the Attorney General of the District of Columbia, Karl Racine, (attached) requesting that his office investigate whether MedStar Health violated Antitrust laws of the District of Columbia.

We, the undersigned, ask that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Civil Rights investigate MedStar Health and declare that their actions have the effect of discriminating against District residents based upon race, color and national origin by denying them access to critical health care services and driving up costs that threaten the very existence of the Medicaid program. We further urge the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to refer this complaint to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Office of the Inspector General to determine if MedStar Health has violated any other laws, rules or conditions of participation for Medicare and Medicaid.

Signed

Ambrose Lane, Jr., Chair



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- Rev. Kendrick Curry, Pastor Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Dr. Timothy Stewart
Progressive National Baptist Convention, President



It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of our beloved 21st President, Rev. Dr. Timothy Stewart.

Did An Incident of Blackface Effectuate Change for Black Virginians? The Answer Is A Resounding YES!



By Natalie H. Rozzell

Ralph Shearer Northam was elected as the 73rd governor of the state of Virginia in 2018. Over a year later, an old picture of the governor in blackface surfaced in his medical school yearbook. He did not confirm it was



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him and a subsequent investigation proved inconclusive, but it changed the way Northam decided to govern from then on. "I made it very clear from when this happened, that racial equity was going to be a top priority for the remainder of our administration," said the governor. And he made good on this promise. In particular, he worked with Black lawmakers to address laws that most affected Blacks. With Black Virginians representing 55% of the incarcerated population, yet only being 20% of the state's population, Northam took a progressive stance and made it his mission to move Virginia forward during his time as governor.



Since then Blacks rallied around Northam after the discovery of his misstep and amid calls for his resignation. He made it a point to

put Black Virginians first by breaking decades of outdated and racist strongholds, laws, and policies. For instance, Virginia has become the first state in the South to abolish the death penalty. The commonwealth has also passed strong police reform measures, such as limiting the use of chokeholds by officers and adopting "Breonna's Law" named after Breonna Taylor from Louisville, KY who was killed in a late-night raid. This measure bans police from executing no-knock search warrants. In an effort to reduce racial profiling, minor traffic violations were downgraded to secondary offenses. Offenses that were once considered primary like having tinted windows, dangling objects from the rearview mirror or having noisy car exhaust systems have been lowered in the justice system. Many of these so-called offenses were used as a basis to find other crimes mainly on Blacks, studies find. Along with prohibiting police from initiating searches based on the smell of marijuana, many related drug laws were minimized as well. Possessing small amounts of marijuana is now a civil infraction with a simple fine of \$25 as opposed to the previous sentencing of decades in prison. Enacting the "CAREN Act"



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also puts harsher consequences on folks who falsely lodge complaints on others due to racial bias.

Recently, Gov. Northam granted the first ever posthumous pardon for seven Black men known as the "Martinsville Seven". Accused of raping a white woman in 1949, they were not given proper due process and were executed in what is still know as the largest mass execution in Virginia history. "At the time of these executions, the superintendent of the Virginia prison system wrote a letter in 1950 that underscored these disparities by stating that there were no white men on record ever **executed for rape in Virginia."** Yet it took only two hours for the court to deliberate, declare them guilty, and sentence the seven men to death. After granting the pardon, the governor's office released a statement that "Governor Northam has granted a recordbreaking 604 pardons since his term began more pardons than the previous nine governors combined."



Along with requesting the removal of many Confederate statues across the commonwealth as well as the renaming of streets and parks, Northam created the Commission on African American History Education. Its main purpose is to review how history is taught in Virginia schools and to ensure the inclusion of Black history and how racial disparities continue to influence and affect our communities today. The governor has also appointed Virginia's first-ever Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Dr. Janice Underwood, the new Director, is strategizing with the members of the administration to address systemic inequities in state government practices among other initiatives. More information on this state cabinet can be found at this link:

https://www.governor.virginia.gov/diversity/.



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As the Virginia gubernatorial race approaches in November 2021, Northam's approval has started to wane thus putting more pressure on all Virginia Democrats. A mixture of opposition to Northam's progressive record, disapproval of President Biden and other Democrats, pandemic fatigue and specific vaccine mandates for state workers have caused the governor to have a disapproval rating of 45%, the highest since the blackface incident in 2019. Although he weathered a heavy storm of calls for resignation and lost some of the confidence of his constituents, Governor Ralph Northam started on the road to atonement by asking Blacks a simple question - "What can I do for you?" Most politicians provide "lip service" only, but he attempted to follow through and provide tangible policies, laws, appointments and commissions. He pledged \$300 million to Virginia HBCUs, decriminalized marijuana, and even repatriated the historic gravestones of Blacks that were previously dumped into the Potomac river. While some can say it is only

symbolic, most of his work has and will affect the lives of Black Virginians significantly. The mission is clear - we must ensure what Northam started isn't erased or reversed by the stroke of a pen. Black Virginians must continue the fight for change with the incoming governor no matter what political party he belongs to. Virginia is attempting to atone for its treatment of Blacks, especially the descendents of US chattel slavery and we must never let them forget what was done to us from the time we set foot on this ground in 1619 up until today. VOTE! ACT! ORGANIZE! WRITE A LETTER! Do your part for Virginia and this country as a whole to move our communities forward and to achieve racial equity and justice.

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Dear Friend,

THE CENTER FOR RACIAL EQUITY AND JUSTICE, established in 2020, also known as "The Center", has been a leading social justice organization serving as fresh voice in the struggle for equity and justice locally and nationally. As the organization began to take shape, the efforts of those involved were acknowledged in the media, social media, activists, and by other leading organization. In 2021, The Black Justice Fellowship recognized "The Center's" Executive Director, Rev. George C. Gilbert, Jr. as one of the top 30 Social Justice Leaders in Washington, D.C.

Would you consider giving to this program? We are hoping to raise \$50,000.00 within the next year, to support the work of "The Center". "The Center" is unfunded currently and needs your support. In order to continue the efforts to force change, and to agitate the status quo, as a small nonprofit, we need your contributions to make a difference. Any donations made are tax exempt.

Maintaining our position of a leading prophetic voice in the Nation's Capital, "The Center" began to develop a mission, goals, and objectives to address systemic injustice, police accountability, and government/corporate responsibility. Insuring we addressed police reform, training, structural racism – i.e. homelessness, economic development, youth advocacy, prison reform, etc., we established initiatives aimed at lifting up the community, and empowering those in need of support.

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- 1). Check, and mailed to 4505 Gault Place, N.E., Washington, DC 20019;
- 2) Paypal tcfreaj@gmail.com; or,
- 3). Cashapp \$tcfreaj

Thank you for your help in reaching our financial goal, and for your donation.

With Kind Regards,

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