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TO: Faculty of Social Work Faculty, Staff and Students

FROM: Dean, Faculty of Social Work

RE: Expression of Solidarity: Black Lives Matter

The Faculty of Social Work, University of Regina stands in solidarity with the Black community in the US calling for change after the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Racism around the world remains a scourge that hampers the ability for the humanity to reach its full potential. Canada is not immune from this scourge and in Western Canada the racism against the Indigenous population continues.

The profession of social work is rooted in social justice. Social workers are called to stand up against injustice as part of our code of ethics. There are times in history that we need to make our voices heard and push for the change that we want to see in the world. I encourage all students, staff and faculty to join in the peaceful protests demanding structural change to make a better world for us all.

In Regina, there is a rally on Sunday, June 7 @ 1pm for Black & Indigenous Lives Matter in front of the Legislative Building. Please remember that **SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES ARE STILL IN PLACE. PLEASE WEAR MASKS AND BRING HAND SANITIZER AND REMEMBER TO STAY 6 FEET APART.** Further information about the rally can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/593018077993280/>. Other cities and towns in Saskatchewan are holding protests in support - please check your social media feeds for further information.

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