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BLACK-LED ORGANIZATIONS TO RESPOND TO VIOLENCE AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE
Digital Press Conference to be Held in Response to Black Deaths in Canada and the USA

On **Thursday, June 04, 2020, from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm** via **Zoom**, the African Communities of Manitoba Inc. (ACOMI) in partnership with Black History Month Celebration Committee (BHMCC), Black Space Winnipeg, Congress of Black Women of Manitoba (COBW), and Caribbean Council Organization of Manitoba (CCOM) will be hosting a press conference to respond to the recent police violence against Black people in Canada and the United States of America (U.S.A.).

In 2015, the United Nations declared the decade for people of African descent proclaiming that in this decade, there needs to be a global focus on the recognition, justice, and development of and with people of African descent. However, recent and ongoing events have proven that one of these areas, justice, is not, and has not been on the minds of individuals and governments around the world. As we continue to see the ongoing oppression and violence that is inflicted on Black people internationally, we grow wearier and more restless for honest change in our communities.

It is naive to assume that this is an American-only problem. The deaths of Machuar Madut (Winnipeg), Regis Korchinski-Paquet (Toronto), and George Floyd (Minneapolis) are three out of the many ongoing tragedies that we continue to see in Black communities. Fueled by bigotry, racial profiling, and systemic racism, Black-led and Black-supporting organizations are calling for an end to the violence that we continue to see against Black people. We are calling on all levels of government and individuals outside of the Black community to educate themselves and evaluate their impact on the injustices that we see every day.

This needs to stop, now. Racial inequality impacts us all. We continue to recognize the need to have safe cities, spaces, and systems for members of the community of people of African descent in Canada, in the USA, and around the world. We have provided the education, resources, and knowledge – it is out there – it is now time for those outside the community to take action against the violence we are seeing and to choose change.

Advanced registration is required for this meeting at:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjAkceCvrDgoHtle5cLlynVF8h4FbW1c3PPB>



About ACOMI

The African Communities of Manitoba Inc. (ACOMI) is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that works to bring together individuals and community organizations of African heritage in the province of Manitoba. ACOMI offers programming to a wide demographic of people in support of building community unity, understanding, and prosperity.

Website: www.acomi.ca

About BHMCC Winnipeg

Black History Month Winnipeg Inc. (BHMCC) is a community-based organization focused on making the world around them a culturally-informed space. With the help of tireless volunteers, they organize fundraisers, community-building events, and in-depth training sessions for community members.

Website: bhmwinnipeg.com



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

About Black Space Winnipeg

Black Space Winnipeg is a grassroots organization that fosters organic dialogue on everyday experiences of being Black. Spreading perspectives of Afrocentrism, and Pro-Black conversation, Black Space Winnipeg creates safe spaces for people of colour through hosting community events, artist demonstrations and workshops. Black Space Winnipeg challenges anti-Black racism and discrimination, building inclusivity across all sectors in Winnipeg for Black people.

Website: www.blackpacewpg.ca



About CCOM

The Council of Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba Inc. (CCOM) is a non-profit umbrella organization of Caribbean interest groups, committed to addressing the communal needs and concerns of our members through cultural and educational activities, and through discourses with the wider community while having the highest regard for honesty, integrity and respect for each other and our fellow Manitobans.

Website: www.com-manitoba.com



About COBW

Congress of Black Women of Manitoba Inc. (COBW) is a non-profit organization which works to enhance the consciousness, education and rights of Black Women in Manitoba. The organization was founded on International Women's Day, March 8th, 1981 and have since worked with many organizations to engage the community through awareness programming.

Website: cobwmanitoba.com

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