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Writing on the margins of a newspaper while imprisoned, Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote *"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."* As Co-Chairs of the Coalition of Religious Leaders of Millburn and Short Hills, we attest to the truth of these words, even as we acknowledge that our faith-based understanding of why they are true may be different. We understand that our differences, however they may be defined and expressed, serve only to emphasize the importance of what we hold in common, which is much. Each of the faith communities represented on the Coalition: Jewish Christian, Muslim, and Hindu, hold dear the value of human life and the importance of respecting the dignity of all people.

We stand today united in our commitment to actively pursue racial justice and equality. We join our voices with those who are demanding justice for the heinous murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and the countless others named and unnamed who have suffered at the hands of people and institutions charged to protect and serve and to keep the peace. We lament the despair of those who continue to be excluded from the opportunities and ways of living that so many of us take for granted. We hope and pray those of us with privilege will use that privilege, our resources, and our voices to bring about the transformation that is needed if this nation is to truly be a land of safety and opportunity for all people.

In that manner of thinking, we encourage you to march and testify with us at the Millburn Rally for Black Lives. We will stand united in our common understanding that Dr. King's words ring true today as they did all of those decades ago: *"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"*.

**Millburn Rally for Black Lives
Sunday, June 7, 2020**

Event Schedule:

12 pm – Meet at Millburn High School
1 pm – March down Millburn Avenue
3 pm – Vigil in Taylor Park

What to Bring:

Posters, Face Masks, Hand Sanitizer,
Water, Snacks, ID, Cell Phone
Wear a black shirt, if you can

With Prayers for both Peace and Action,

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