



PRESBYTERY *of*
MILWAUKEE

Statement on Anti-AAPI Violence
March 25, 2021

We, the Presbytery of Milwaukee, lament for all who were killed in the shootings on Tuesday, March 16, in Atlanta, Georgia. We grieve with all those who are left to grieve the lives taken.

We grieve, too, that the murders in Atlanta have multiplied the already heavy communal trauma and pain of the Asian American / Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, nationwide and within our churches.

We regret that it has taken such events to prompt us to speak in support and defense of our AAPI siblings, despite more than 3,800 hate incidents reported against the AAPI community since the beginning of the pandemic, with many more unreported incidents suspected. We declare as false any association between AAPI persons and the pandemic.

To our AAPI siblings, our congregations and communities are richer and our lives are more whole because you are in them. We are no longer asleep and we stand and act, awake, with you.

We call on all of our faith communities to condemn anti-AAPI violence, in word and in deed, and to seek ways to support and show up for the AAPI community. To help in your work, a list of resources is attached.

Today, we cry, "How long, O Lord?" and "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers." Tomorrow, we persist in co-creating a more just world.

In faith,

Reverend Nicole Farley
Moderator, Presbytery of Milwaukee

Reverend Dr. Christian Boyd,
Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Milwaukee

Rachel Yates,
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Ways to learn more, now

[Learn the proper pronunciations of the AAPI women killed in Atlanta](#)

[Read “What Is the Model Minority Myth?”](#)

[Read “Anti-Asian Racism Exposes the Model Minority Myth”](#)

[Read the op ed from PC\(USA\) pastor Laura Mariko Cheifetz entitled “Being Asian American means living in a country that treats you as a perpetual foreigner. That has to change.”](#)

[Listen to Straight White American Jesus “Anti-Asian Hate, Purity Culture, and Christian Nationalism”](#)

Ways to do more, now

[Find ways to contribute and take action at Stop AAPI Hate](#)

[Learn how to respond to Coronavirus Racism](#)

[Be prepared with Safety Tips for Those Experiencing or Witnessing Hate](#)

Ways to learn more, long-term

[Watch the PBS series Asian Americans about the history of identity, contributions, and challenges experienced by Asian Americans](#)

[Watch the Smithsonian’s video series We Are Not a Stereotype: Breaking Down Asian Pacific American Bias which explores what it means to be Asian Pacific American and the impacts of Asian Pacific American stereotypes](#)

[Listen to episodes of Self Evident: Asian America’s Stories](#)

Learn more about AAPI history:

[Saint Malo, Louisiana](#)

[Tacoma Riot of 1885](#)

[Chinese Massacre of 1871](#)

[Angel Island](#)

[Page Act 1875](#)

[Asiatic Exclusion League](#)

[Thind vs. United States](#)

[Executive Order 9066](#)
[Anna May Wong](#)

Ways to do more, long-term

[Learn from the COVID-19 Toolkit: Strategies to Defeat Asian American Racial Profiling and Xenophobia](#)

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