



Every 28 hours, according to the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement report, an unarmed black person in America is killed by a police officer. We are battling a corrupted system that has criminalized our existence. Everyday we are struggling just to keep the people we love alive and safe. As believers and faith leaders in our community, we must speak and act with urgency, conviction, power and love.

Will you join us in fulfilling a five point action plan that takes our message out of our pulpits and into the streets?

**THE FIVE-POINT PLAN**

1. **Connect:** We've declared "Don't shoot" and lifted our hands in protest. Now it's time to join hands and create a healing circle of protection for our black sons, daughters, sisters and brothers. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/circleofprotection> to join with clergy around the country in building a circle of protection for the loved ones in our communities.
2. **Affirm:** Boldly proclaim from the pulpit and in our communities that Black lives matter. Visit [www.blacklivesmatter.com](http://www.blacklivesmatter.com) to learn more about the movement and how you can get involved. [The Collective Prayer for Ferguson](#), written by African Methodist Episcopal Pastor Renita Marie is another resource for clergy and faith leaders who are looking to step out of the pulpit and into the movement. <http://huff.to/1u02A4K>
3. **Resist:** Take the message that Black Lives Matter to the streets by organizing marches, vigils and protest. Visit [www.fergusonaction.com](http://www.fergusonaction.com) to sign up or host in your area. Read more in the Chicago SunF Times about how ChicagoF area churches plan to protest a New York grand jury's decision not to indict a white police officer who killed Eric Garner, an unarmed Black man. <http://bit.ly/1vwt6rT>
4. **Boycott:** Allow the holidays to become a true time of liberation by channeling our \$1.1 trillion economic power away from corporations and into our communities. Visit [www.urbancusp.com/about/notonedime](http://www.urbancusp.com/about/notonedime) to learn how you can get involved.
5. **Love:** Close the circle of protection by extending revolutionary love to one another. Let us see the suffering of our brothers and sisters and to stand together. For sample litanies, prayers and reflections, read and share this collection organized by Unitarian Universalist Association: [www.standingonthesideoflove.org/blog/withferguson](http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org/blog/withferguson)

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