Coastal Bend Friends Meeting Minute on Black Lives and Police Violence

Coastal Bend Friends Meeting affirms the inherent worth of Black lives.

As Quakers, our testimony of Peace is an affirmation of the Light of Christ within each person. To remain silent in the face of police violence against Black Americans would be complicity in that violence.

In too many American cities, police forces have oppressed and killed Black citizens without accountability to the communities they serve. This violence must stop.

We commit ourselves to respect the experience of those most affected by this violence, and to affirm their authority to lead movements for Black lives. We call for a re-examination of the role of police in our society, a new accountability and an end to systemic police violence against Black Americans.