



**BIRMINGHAM
CIVIL RIGHTS
INSTITUTE**

In the wake of an unparalleled verdict in the Minnesota v. Derek Chauvin trial, The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute is curating sacred space for us to sit with today's outcomes. In conjunction with community partners, we will provide healthy channels for addressing the needs of our community to reflect and engage with one another throughout the next several days.

History has taught us that in moments like these, we are stronger together. We will host a healing circle for our community to come, reflect, and share space with each other as we absorb the weight of the moment. George Floyd's story is indeed an American story. And all too often, communities are left with the weight of the trauma and disruption that are created by stories like these. Throughout the month of May, we plan to offer 100 hours of free mental health workshops and individualized sessions facilitated by licensed mental health professionals.

Those who are closest to the pain are closest to the solutions and the telling of our stories are paramount to healing and resolution. To this end, we will present a live conversation with Leslie Redmond, a prominent Minneapolis organizer, who can share her first-hand stories of protest and activism.

Understanding that mobilizing for systems change requires long-term investment, on Juneteenth, we will launch a series of organizer training sessions with local partners to foster the collaborative success of our movement.

The journey to freedom is a process. For every protest, there are organizers or leaders who bring their own beliefs, convictions and hopes to the gatherings, even as they provide a forum for others to share theirs. And for more than 60 years, Birmingham has made an impact on the American struggle for civil rights. And the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute has enlightened each generation about civil and human rights by exploring our common past and working together in the present to build a better future.

We are dedicated to facilitating means for recovery and discovering strategic next steps of the movement for human dignity. We have healing and organizing to do and BCRI is committed to serving as a conduit for this healing, organizing, and making of good trouble.

Come heal with us.

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