

Dear Trinity Community,

With the recent letters of solidarity put forth by our administration, we recognize and are appreciative that they are acknowledging the problems that face our institution, but these words and sentiments of solidarity do nothing to tackle the root of the problem. The deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless of our other Black brothers and sisters are not only acts of Police Brutality, but acts of **murder** that are routinely recorded and shown in media. We as Black students at Trinity College can no longer stand and take the oppressive nature of the institutionalized racism we experience here.

As Black students at Trinity, we are comprised of all walks of life, all experiencing the heavy pain and burden of seeing our people brutalized at the hands of law enforcement without consequence. On top of that, the over-policing of our social events by Hartford PD and the many racial incidents that plague our campus, remind us that these experiences can happen anywhere. To read an email not even using the words *Black*, or *Police Brutality* almost seems as if our administration is out of touch with an essential part of the Trinity Community. It speaks volumes to the lack of accountability that Trinity's administration holds amongst each other.

Now that time has passed and there have been multiple statements released with the narrative of a helping hand, it is important for us to acknowledge that Trinity is looking to do better. We as members of a silenced, oppressed, and marginalized community feel it is also important to express our grievances that will ultimately make Trinity a more diverse and inclusive space. We have attached a list of demands that we would like Trinity to take into consideration and then to take tangible action steps.

"We pledge, as trustees of this institution to which we are so deeply devoted, to listen and learn, to speak and walk with you, and to keep striving toward peace and justice."

– Board of Trustees 2020 Email sent on June 5, 2020

Best,

Umoja Coalition

Athletes of Color Coalition (**ACC**)

Caribbean Students' Association (**CSA**)

Imani Black Student Union (**BSU**)

Men of Color Alliance (**MOCA**)

Trinity's African Students' Association (**TASA**)

Trinity College's Black Women's Organization (**TCBWO**)

Trinity College Chapter Temple of Hip Hop