



Asian American Christian Collaborative to Host “Stand for AAPI Lives” Nation-Wide Prayer Rallies

March 24, 2021 (Atlanta, Georgia)—Asian American Christian Collaborative will host simultaneous prayer rallies to stand for AAPI lives on March 28, 2021, in Atlanta, Chicago, New York City, Los Angeles, Austin, Houston, San Francisco, Howard County (Baltimore), and Detroit.

In partnership with leaders, churches and organizations, AACC will bring together Asian American Christians and friends of the community to grieve the loss of those killed in Atlanta on March 16 and to lament the greater systemic evils of anti-Asian hate and misogyny.

In Atlanta, the local leaders, churches and organizations that AACC is partnering with to lead and/or support local efforts include We Love BuHi, Open Table Community, 4Pointes Church, and other churches throughout the city. The AND Campaign, OneRace, Unite, and Be the Bridge are also supporting local and national efforts.

AACC President Raymond Chang commented, “Asian American Christians have a rich, but seemingly forgotten history of social action and engagement. Most historic Asian American churches often focused on both proclaiming the message of the gospel, and advocating for social justice. In response to all that has taken place, Asian American Christians are looking to find ways to put feet to their faith by gathering to Stand for AAPI Lives and Dignity and to tell the world that Asian lives have value and worth. Throughout the country, people are gathering to grieve, pray, and call others to stand against anti-Asian hate and to stand in solidarity with our communities.”

AACC Vice President, Michelle Ami Reyes, also said, “This effort is historic. There has never been a coordinated national effort like this by the greater Asian American Christian community to stand for AAPI lives and dignity and to show the country that we will not be silent against hate crimes hurting our community as well as other communities of color.”

“The tragic events of last week in the Atlanta area have revealed a number of disconnections within and around the local Asian American Christian community. While no one event will solve all the larger issues. It is important that the Asian American community of faith engage and join in the chorus for justice and dignity. This is a time to collectively recognize the call to care for our neighbor, beginning with each other and locking arms with the larger community,” said David Park, pastor of Open Table Community.

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Rallies will highlight local faith leaders, particularly Asian American Christian women. They aim to provide a space to process the pain of recent racism, pray for healing, practice repentance, and proclaim the dignity and sacredness of all life. Speakers will also highlight the calls to action described in the [AACC Statement on the Atlanta Massacre and Ongoing Anti-Asian Hate](#).

More information can be found at aachristcollab.com/rally.

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