

ALL NATIONS COMMUNITY CHURCH STATEMENT AGAINST ANTI-ASIAN RACISM

All Nations Community Church fully and strongly condemns racism, xenophobia, and nativism and stands in solidarity with the victims of anti-Asian hate and violence.

Between March 19-December 31, 2020, Stop AAPI Hate received over 2,808 firsthand accounts of anti-Asian hate from 47 states and the District of Columbia. The actual number of accounts is believed to be far higher. Asian Americans have been physically assaulted, killed, coughed on, spit at, verbally harassed, discriminated at work, and refused service at restaurants and establishments. Especially grievous is the violent attacks on the elderly that account for nearly 10% of all reported anti-Asian hate.

To be clear, racism against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community did not begin with COVID-19. America has a long history of racial injustice towards the “model minority.” For example, in the mid-1800s, Asian Americans were called a “yellow peril” and deemed a threat to a nation that promoted a whites-only immigration policy. In 1871, a mob in Los Angeles savagely killed and lynched 20 Chinese immigrants in what is now infamously known as the Chinese Massacre of 1871. In 1882, xenophobic propaganda about Chinese uncleanness in San Francisco fueled the Chinese Exclusion Act that barred immigration based solely on race. On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 that forcibly removed 120,000 Japanese Americans from their homes and held them prisoner in internment camps. And, throughout the current pandemic, the former President spread xenophobia and fueled the anti-Asian racist sentiment and hate crimes we see today by mockingly referring to the coronavirus as the “China virus,” “China flu” and “Kung flu.”

We call on all segments of civil society—religious and non-profit groups, civil rights organizations, businesses, academic institutions, local, state and national governments—to denounce harassment and hostility against Asian Americans, to actively resist ill-informed and racist perspectives about the AAPI community, and to seek justice for the victims of anti-Asian hate.

We make this statement as we stand in solidarity with BIPOC to oppose racism against all people of color.

May God’s grace and mercy be upon us all.

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