

# National Black Church Initiative

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## **NBCI Declares that Ferguson Police Department is Guilty of Murdering Michael Brown**

*How is it Legal to Kill Black Boys and Men in America in 2014?*

**Washington, DC** – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, is deeply disturbed about the cold blood execution of Michael Brown by Ferguson police. The country now wants the black church to step in a call for peace and without the call for justice.

NBCI will not do that –We want justice from the Ferguson Police department by first releasing the name of the white police officer who shot and murdered Michael Brown. Then we will call for peace. No Justice –No Peace!

Two hundred fifty years of slavery. Ninety years of Jim Crow. Sixty years of separate but equal....enough is enough.

As Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President noted with sadness, “In 2014 America Black men are not safe from racist white cops. I have the same feeling for Michael Brown that I have for Trayvon Martin, Jordan Davis and Eric Garner. All of the signs point to the beginning of a race riot if we do nothing to bring the country back from the brink. NBCI is willing do its part to bring clam.”

St. Louis, a town recently ranked as one of the top ten most segregated cities in the country, is especially vulnerable to racial tension and polarization. The Ferguson police department must stop its deceit, respond to the outcries of its city and release the name of the officer who gunned down. We have seen this movie before and we are ready. NBCI demands transparency, justice and the details of the accused officer. Only after this can healing begin.

Michael Brown is but one shooting and murdering of racist white officers around the country. The death of Eric Garner, a man who died after being put in an apparent chokehold by a New

York City police officer during an arrest, has just been ruled a homicide. NBCI is frightened to see our country heading in a dangerous and morally reprehensible direction. National leadership must step up, before matters spiral out of control.

### **About NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. The National Black Church Initiative's methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

The National Black Church Initiative's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at [www.naltblackchurch.com](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).