"And among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the diversity of your languages and colors. Surely, in this are signs for those of sound knowledge!" (Quran 30:22.)

The McLean Islamic Center acknowledges and condemns the centuries of oppression, colonization, and systemic racism that continue to plague our society today, and have resulted in unspeakable horrors and mistreatment of black people and other people of color, most recently culminating in the death of George Floyd at the hands of the police. Indeed, our religion strictly forbids racism and enjoins us as Muslims to eradicate all forms of injustice, both in our hearts and in our society at large. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) emphasized repeatedly over the course of his lifetime that an individual’s value is not based on his or her class, color, tribe, or race, but instead based on his or her service to God. As such, we pledge to continue to work with all people of faith and sincerity to educate, mobilize, and unite to support our black and brown sisters and brothers.