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**YWCA Metropolitan Chicago Statement
April 21, 2021**

Almost one year ago the world witnessed the murder of George Floyd. ([See our May 29, 2020 Organizational Statement](#)) Since that time we've seen a surge in personal, community and corporate activism. We've participated in protests, rallies, critical elections, and diversity and inclusion activities designed to enact change at the individual and systemic levels. And, last night, a jury of our peers delivered a guilty verdict for former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, holding him accountable for the death of Mr. Floyd. While we observed a certain level of justice in this case, we cannot ignore the fact that many Americans remain victims of our country's broken promise of liberty and justice for all. Countless lives have been lost as a result of the systemic inequities resulting from our country's racist blueprint. Countless lives hang in the balance, at risk of slipping through the cracks or even being blatantly extinguished. The relief we feel with this verdict is overshadowed by a recognition of the many who were not afforded due process, or by the fact that each day seems to bring another traumatic, violent event (yesterday, the shooting by police of a teen in Columbus, Ohio).

Let us use this moment to further catalyze our commitment to eliminating racism. Let us work together to reimagine and rebuild our promise to one another.

We are committed to being a driving force and continued partner in this effort.

Until the land of the free is free of racism.

Until the home of the brave is brave enough to change.

Until "by the people" and "for the people" means doing right by all the people.

Until Justice Just Is.

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