

Resolution of the Racial Reconciliation Task Force of the Presbytery of South Louisiana

The Racial Reconciliation Task Force of the Presbytery of South Louisiana denounces the threats and hatred against Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) including Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

There has been a rising increase of bomb threats against HBCUs this week motivated by hate and superiority.

We therefore call upon people of faith to speak out against violence and hatred of others.

We denounce and reject any form of racism, terrorism, hatred, violence, ethnic bias, and targeting of minority colleges.

HBCUs have fought for the same liberties as others to educate students who have chosen to pursue an education at their colleges and universities.

African American students and students of other cultures who attend HBCU's have a God given right to higher education.

Genesis 1:27 provides us with an equality clause that tells us that all people are created in the image God. Therefore, any attempt to destroy or eliminate HBCU's through hatred and racism goes against the design of a loving God.

Finally, John 13:34 provides us with the command to love one another as Christ loves us, which dispels all forms racism, terrorism, hatred, violence, ethnic bias, and superiority thinking.

Therefore, we ask that our Christian brothers and sisters to join us in denouncing and acting against all forms of hatred and racism.

On Southern University:

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/article_9fd14742-82cb-11ec-a712-0f3d7798f45c.html

On Xavier University:

https://www.nola.com/news/crime_police/article_1d4c5ae6-8361-11ec-a137-cbb70edf4958.html

From national news:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/02/01/us/hbcu-bomb-threats.html>