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Statement on the death of Ahmaud Arbery

The death of Ahmaud Arbery and the lack of legal action taken by the Georgia District Attorney's office is appalling and disheartening. The young African American man was jogging when he was pursued and ultimately killed by two caucasian men. Though the event occurred over two months ago, the first steps of justice were only taken yesterday. Concern and outrage began after horrifying and painful video footage emerged this week. Once again, America is faced with a harsh reminder that racism and an unjust Criminal Justice System still exist and remain at large in our society.

Micah 6:8 teaches us to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. At the CLC, we serve God by kindly loving all of God's people and by advocating on behalf of those who have been denied justice. We denounce racism, inequality and violence in our country while promoting the love of Christ in all that we do.

Let us work together for the building up of the Kingdom of God. Let us love each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, equally precious and made in the full image of God.

We are praying for Ahmaud Arbery's family and all impacted during this trying time. We pray that our Criminal Justice System will diligently serve all of God's children fairly.

The Staff of the Christian Life Commission

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