

The Wake Kendall Group's mission has always been to support the well-being and growth of our community members. This call is even louder at a time when our community is raw with grief and anger following the murder of George Floyd by police officers.

We are outraged and saddened by the loss of lives and ongoing trauma perpetrated against Black communities through longstanding systems of oppression. We stand committed to continuing to do our part in acknowledging the deep roots of racism that shape and endanger Black lives.

There are no easy solutions for dismantling individual and institutional racism, and we acknowledge that there is more we can do in this fight. This is an ongoing process that will take continued time and energy, and we are committed to this journey.

As a group whose vocation is helping others, we know that we are best able to do that job when we have done our own work. To this end, the Wake Kendall Group is committed to continuing and intensifying efforts in the following areas:

- Providing our clinicians with formal education and ongoing discussion centered on anti-racism, white privilege and cultural competence to ensure that we are all continuing to learn and grow.
- Working to recruit and nurture a community of clinicians that reflects a diversity of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, nationality and all other dimensions across which differences strengthen us and the clients we serve.
- Understanding the significant barriers to accessing skilled and compassionate mental health care in our community and continuing at efforts in making our services more available.

There is nothing new about Black lives mattering, and we are heartened that more people are acknowledging this. It is our hope that our children and grandchildren will grow into a society that elevates all voices and sits on a firmer foundation of equity and justice. Education begins young. For a list of books and resources, including for young family members, please click [here](#).

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