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Hi Everyone,

I had not planned to send a UCP staff update today. However, I cannot ignore all that is going on around us and feel the need to reach out to you. The level of injustice and hate is incomprehensible and disturbing to the human spirit. The murder of George Floyd feels like a step back in time. However, unfortunately, it is not. It has happened in 2020. When will police brutality of African Americans end? What will it take to bring racial equality to a country that has made so little progress over so many years?

To quote Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., "A riot is the language of the unheard." We understand the anger and frustration. We hope for peaceful protests and, for those who pray, we pray that our leadership and that those in any position of power or authority over others treat all with respect and humanity. Our country's constitutional freedom of speech must work in our favor. Everyone must be heard. And everyone, regardless of race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation, must come together to support one another.

I certainly hope that all UCP of Greater Cleveland employees feel respected, appreciated, and most of all, supported. Void of that, we have failed. I also hope that all those we serve feel the same from us and the community and are not excluded or treated poorly. That is our mission.

As we rest our heads on our pillows tonight, as employees of UCP of Greater Cleveland, let us ponder the wonderful diversity of each other and of those we serve.

Hoping for health, peace, and respect for one another,
Trish