



Reflections on Trial Verdict

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Good evening, campus community,

The world exhaled a few minutes ago. It may take us time to catch our breath. We may need to take a breath together in the places we gather tonight and tomorrow. This is an historic moment.

We witnessed a swift verdict of guilty on all three counts in a murder trial that has been a crucible on racial injustice in this country. We don't celebrate a person going to jail. We celebrate a jury doing the right thing when so many others in cases similar to this one have not received that justice.

As a faith-informed peace and justice university, we express gratitude that justice has been done. But we know this same work, our collective work, continues.

We especially surround our BIPOC students, faculty and staff tonight with care and compassion. We commit ourselves to continuing to hear their voices, to stand with them, and to do the hard and necessary work to extend the movement to expand racial justice and equity in our nation, our community, and on our own campus. We will work together to make our community of learners more and more fair and equitable inside and outside the classroom.

May we together say his name tonight: George Perry Floyd Junior. And may we remember and say a special prayer for the Floyd family, who till the end said: Regardless of the verdict, we pray for peace in Minneapolis and elsewhere.

A ray of hope tonight. In the name of the Prince of Peace, we give thanks.

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