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To: Bishop Jeffreys Leath  
Dr. Susan Leath, Missionary Supervisor  
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We, the committee on Social Action would like to make our report on the social justice issues facing/living now, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

We are filled with joy, sadness and regret with the loss of three great social activists Dr. James Hal Cones, Carnel Garnett Henning and Aretha Franklin. Social Injustice is magnified during this season: the separating of black and brown children from their parents; police being called on blacks for doing everyday activities; black men and women killed/murdered for minor offenses; NFL protest with owners using financial threats against players; internet trolling; voting rights, the condemning of news media by the Trump administration; the breakout of the #MeToMovement; sexual violence against women and children and the mass shootings across the United States of America; healthcare for all Americans, the Opioid Addiction.

These are just a few good reasons we should be encouraged to get out and VOTE in November and every opportunity to cast a ballot. The welfare of our children/grandchildren future hangs in the balance. We are not to only register people to vote; we should make sure that they get to the polls and vote. We must stand up for the rights and the principal whom we believe set forth before us in God's Word. Our goal as the Social Action Committee is to encourage each of you to be an advocate for social justice. As our "Call to Conscience and Forward to Action is an opportunity for the Church to reclaim its voice and influence in the world. The greatest period of growth was when the church was more socially active.

The final recommendations are brought forth in this manner:

1. Support local leadership in your community
2. Preach and teach social justice
3. Always is to be an advocate for Justice for all people.

Romans 12:9-21; the church is to address the needs and/or the problems of leadership in the Federal Government. We must continue praying and writing letters and calling our representative until our voices are heard.

This is our report of social action committee:

- Rev. Ernest Latham – Chair person
- Rev. James Orr
- Rev. Ronald Glenn
- Rev. Vickey Coleman
- Brother Paul Sherrell
- Sister Sharon Daniels
- Tara Simmons
- Charles Moore
- Lynda Croom