

Tulsa Heals: Faith Leaders, Law Enforcement Act Quickly After Shooting Spree

"A loss for one is a loss for all. Let's stand together in the spirit, of love, community, and respect for those who were senselessly murdered in our community."

-Organizers of a Sunday march in Tulsa, to honor those who died in the Good Friday shootings last week



From USA Today (AP photo): From left, Renae Shoates, Margaret Love, Rev. Marlin Lavanhar of All Souls Unitarian Church and Dr. Warren Blakney participate in a remembrance of the shooting victims in Tulsa, Okla.

Tulsa, Okla. mourns three of its residents after a shooting spree on Good Friday that also left two injured.

Early on the morning of April 6, a white pickup with a low-hanging tailpipe drove into a predominately Black neighborhood in North Tulsa, Okla. The drivers stopped pedestrians to ask for directions. Four men and a woman were stopped, and when they turned to walk away, were gunned down.

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Unlike the killing of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed Black teen in Florida, there have been no protests. Within hours of the shootings, Tulsa faith leaders and law enforcement acted quickly.

"I felt that had we not addressed it and gotten on top of it quickly, the situation could have gotten out of control and it would have become a very difficult time for the city of Tulsa," Minister Warren Blakney told the *Tulsa World*.

Read more about the [faith leaders' response](#) and [Tulsa's history](#).

Video Collection: Talking About Immigrants



In recognition of Immigrant Heritage Week, which was established by New York City Mayor Bloomberg in 2004 and runs from April 17-24, we have compiled Not In Our School/Not In Our Town videos centered around immigration.

Whether they are students hosting a lunch-time demonstration, a policy-maker reflecting on his own history, or a group of librarians providing services for immigrants in their community-the people in these videos share their own unique stories of how their actions have led to vital conversations about immigration in their own communities. [View video collection...](#)

Talking About Trayvon: An Opportunity to Change



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As our country grapples with the traumatic aftermath of the Trayvon Martin killing, we ask ourselves, can this crisis bring us together? How do we begin to address an issue as systemic as racial profiling?

One of the challenges that organizations have taken up is moving this discussion from the personal narratives that intrigue us about the crime to the larger societal problems that need to be addressed, including the depictions of black men in the media. [Keep reading...](#)

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