

Remarks by Cambridge Peace Commission Director Brian Corr during Memorial Vigil for George Floyd of 6-1-20

This is so hard – maybe even too hard.

We are angry. We are grieving. Emotions are raw. Hearts are tender. Some of us are numb.

We have come together too many times for vigils, and this time, we cannot come together physically, yet...We are together in this moment.

We come together to affirm the values of racial equity, justice, and non-violence – and to redouble our commitment to work for change – each and every one of us.

We must support each other and take care of each other

We have to be kind, and in our anger and grief, we must not lash out – but we must reach out, connect, and do it with love.

(Introduction of other speakers)

In closing our Vigil, I'd like to share a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, from his book, *Strength to Love*, and originally in a 1957 sermon he gave on loving your enemies:

"Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."