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The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Upper Midwest Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team condemns the bomb threats made against more than a dozen Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, the first day of Black History Month. The threats are acts of racism and hatred, as this was a clear attempt to terrorize the students, faculty, staff and their family members.

We condemn these threats because they are part of the long history of people and communities of color being threatened and having these acts of racism and hatred carried out against their communities. We condemn these acts because they are in direct opposition to the Gospel values of community and love, as recorded in our sacred scriptures.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Upper Midwest Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team stands in solidarity with the following institutions of higher education as they begin to recover from these terroristic acts:

Howard University, The University of the District of Columbia, Morgan State University, Coppin State University, Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Xavier University of Louisiana, Edward Waters University, Alcorn State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Rust College, Spelman College, Jackson State University, Harris-Stowe University, and Tougaloo College.

We, the Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team, call for our member churches and individuals to name these higher education institutions in their public prayers this Sunday, February 6, 2022. We also call upon the churches of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Upper Midwest Region to begin the faithful work toward becoming Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation communities of faith.

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