



On Tuesday evening, April 20, 2021, we sat together as an organization virtually, holding our breaths, crossing our fingers and praying as we awaited the verdict in the case of the *State of Minnesota v. Derek Michael Chauvin* - a verdict that defined a four-century-long battle for justice.

When the news spread that Derek Chauvin was found guilty of murder on all counts, we released sighs of relief. We released for the family of George Floyd, for the accountability that was finally served and for a victory in the long standing fight against systemic racism and police brutality.

The work for justice is heavy and the injustice is even heavier. Though we take this moment to celebrate, we cannot neglect the exhaustion that comes from witnessing murders of black and brown bodies to systemic oppression and the energy it takes to fight against it. We can not forget the victims or the families in our Commonwealth of Massachusetts whose loved ones were killed at the hands of police.

To the survivor community, we see you, we hear you and we feel with you the re-traumatization that occurs as we all watch this play out. It is important to take the space you need to process, feel and heal. You are not alone and the LDBPI is here and will continue to serve as a refuge and a Center of Healing, Teaching and Learning for families and communities impacted.

Joining us virtually, Tuesday April 27th, 2021 5:30 - 7:30PM, for a time to reflect, process and feel as a community.

Contact Janice@LDBpeaceinstitute.org to RSVP.