

# EVERYDAY MICRO ACTIONS

WITH THE HOPE OF EMPOWERING AND ENCOURAGING OUR CHURCH FAMILY DURING THESE TERRIFYING AND DIFFICULT TIMES, THE ANTI-RACISM COMMITTEE IS SHARING 7 IDEAS FOR RESISTANCE EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY SERVICE. THESE ARE EVERYDAY MICRO ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE THAT COLLECTIVELY MAKE A HUGE IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY.

**01** **NEED TO KNOW:** February is Black History Month! Just a few days ago, federal authorities arrested independent journalists Don Lemon and Georgia Fort, Minnesota Black Lives Matter co-founder and former candidate Trahern Crews, and Minnesota state senate candidate and activist Jamael Lydell Lundy. All Black people. This is not new; the Black press and Black activists have always been disproportionately targeted. What can we do? Elevate their stories. Cry out as loudly as we all did when Jimmy Kimmel was fired. Learn more about the American history of policing and silencing Black voices. Do not look away.



**02** **LEARN & SHARE:** As part of Cornell University's MLK JR. Commemorative Lecture series, *Rest is Resistance* author, community organizer and founder of The Nap Ministry – Tricia Hersey – will be livestreaming on **Monday, February 9 at 4pm**. This free event will dive deeper into “the liberatory, restorative and disruptive power of rest as a fundamental human right and essential to advancing racial and social justice.” To register for the online event, [CLICK HERE](#).



**03** **LEARN & SHARE:** In times like these, it is critical to prepare our youth to transform the world. On **Saturday, February 7 from 10-11:30am**, Latinx Parenting is hosting a virtual workshop centered around liberatory education called “Teach Them Young” for educators, parents and caregivers. The workshop will cover how to engage children “with the kind of critical education they need to understand the world around them.” Please note there is a cost to this workshop. If you would like to learn more, [sign up HERE](#).



**04** **ENGAGE:** Trans Advocacy Day (TAD) is on **Monday, February 16 from 8am-4pm** this year. Organized by [Gender Justice League](#), “TAD is an annual opportunity to make sure lawmakers in WA hear directly from people whose lives are affected by their policies.” All trans people and allies are welcome to join together in Olympia – whether for the advocacy portion or if you want to join the rally portion.

Space is limited and advocacy requires pre-training, so please [register ASAP](#).



**05** **PAUSE & LEARN:** The protests in Iran persist, Iranians are under a total media blackout after the Islamic Republic cut the internet, and the death toll is becoming difficult to track as many are killed in secret. The Abdorrahman Boroumand Center, a human rights organization in Iran, have documented 251 executions so far in January but the actual number is much higher.

If you are looking for ways to support the people's revolution in Iran, this social media posts lists [five ways you can support the Iranian people](#) – including amplifying Iranian voices and calling on US representatives to support a bill that will help get Iranians back online.



**06** **NEED TO KNOW:** ICE has been using the platform Palantir to identify, track and locate individuals to be kidnapped and harassed, and an app called Mobile Fortify for facial recognition. Most recently the company Ring, the doorbell camera system many households have, has partnered with Flock Safety, a private security entity, and will provide direct data access to ICE. This means that home cameras can be linked to law-enforcement systems, expanding federal surveillance reach without oversight. [Read this in full to understand what is happening and share widely!](#)



**07** **CELEBRATE WINS:** All across the nation, students and young people are walking out of schools to demand ICE out. Locally, students from Puyallup, Graham, and throughout Tacoma have participated in these walkouts and protests and making their demands loud and clear. The [Pierce County Immigration Alliance](#) has multiple videos and photos of these young people if you would like to feel inspired!