



JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY

MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT

JULY 2, 2020

Dear JCU Community,

In concluding my June 5th letter in support of the struggle of Black people against racist violence and discrimination, and in condemning the despicable killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless others, I wrote:

“we must continue, with new vigor, to take further initiatives to ensure that our university is free from the scourge of racism and discrimination of Black people and of any other group.

We are looking forward to working with all our constituencies, taking concrete steps in the near future towards that goal.”

In line with that commitment, after corresponding with the JCU Student Government, and talking with Professor Kwame Phillips, I have asked Vice President Jose B. Alvarez to set up and chair a university-wide Task Force on Inclusiveness, Equality, and Diversity, open to representatives of the entire JCU Community. VP Alvarez will be contacting the various university constituencies in the coming weeks, with the aim of establishing membership and working orders of the Task Force.

Thank you and ad Majora!

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President