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Dear LCON Community,

The tragic death of George Floyd is heartbreaking as it is the unbearable truth of injustice and systemic racism in our country.

In addition, the adverse impact and suffering caused by the COVID Pandemic on black and vulnerable communities have revealed a gulf of disparities and health inequities.

Systemic racism is a public health crisis that causes enduring pain – physically and mentally.

Black lives matter.

Racism and injustice have no place and are not tolerated in a democratic society.

Nurses lead in advancing human rights and reducing health inequities. As educators, we are preparing students to be professional nurses who are compassionate and respectful of the inherent dignity, worth, and uniqueness of *every* individual.

Each of our actions matter, starting with being kind & respectful to each other, being humane, and being ethical by doing no harm to others.

We all have a dutiful responsibility to continue advancing our core values - ***diversity, equity, inclusivity, and humanity.***

We can make a change and bring solution. “Together we will catalyze support for our nation’s promise of liberty and justice for all” (AACN statement, June 2020).

I thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lin Zhan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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