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In the midst of a rapidly deteriorating political climate, Our First Lady Michelle Obama challenged us as people of integrity and high moral conscience to remain above reproach with this directive “when they go low we go high.” As women, more particularly women of color in this country, we have clothed ourselves in strength and dignity despite this nation’s oppression, repression, and suppression of us. We have overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles by holding fast to our deep-rooted faith and the spiritual conviction that we are no less than daughters of God.

Morning by morning we challenge ourselves to take the high road, to walk upright and follow the wisdom of the Apostle Paul by focusing on what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely and admirable (Phil 4:8) but this current administration makes it increasingly hard, difficult and almost impossible to find anything excellent or praiseworthy. People of color, women of color, have survived and often thrived in spite of continued “right wing” efforts to consolidate power and create conflict for the purpose of keeping us perpetually marginalized and penalized. And so we rise amidst the most current commentary of this morally bankrupt administration to ask “How low can they go?”

How many more mornings will we wake up to hear a repulsive and repugnant description of women of color as “dogs” or our brothers as “sons of b-tches?” How many additional reports will there be referencing the racist and misogynistic words, thoughts and actions of this administration? How much longer before the conscience of this administration’s “Christian Council” or Chair of the Evangelical Advisory Board -who is a woman, is pricked to speak truth to power?

It is unconscionable to accept or support an administration that professes to align itself with Scripture but ignores the advisement to “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers (Eph 4:29).” We continue to pray for our country trusting that the Spirit of true Christendom will soon prevail among its leaders.

We are stronger together when we stand in unity for dignity, equality, and justice. Therefore, in light of the offensive and demeaning words used by the leader of this administration, the Connectional Women In Ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church calls for the collective unified voice of women in ministerial offices to make our disdained known by preaching sermons related to social justice on Sunday, September 9, 2018, by attending the “Call to Conscience” rally on September 5th – 6th, 2018 in Washington, DC and by taking our souls to the polls during the 2018 midterm elections.

Stronger Together,  
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