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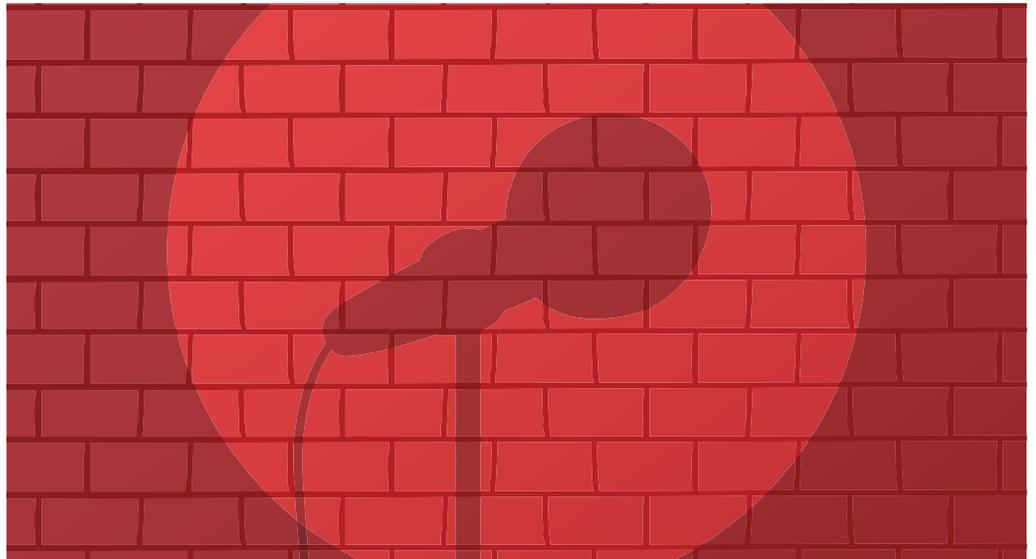
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Open Mic

We asked alumni
"What Must Be Done?"
 in relation to current
 events. Here is how
 they responded.



Edith Finsaadal (SCPS MA '19):

We must choose community and care for others and ourselves. We must deepen and strengthen our ethical and moral values for all, including plants, animals and other creatures besides humans. We must nurture a vision of the good and beautiful for all. We must grow more wise and mature in our stewardship of life, time and resources.

Gretchen Henninger (SCPS '18):

Facilitate conversations about racism and hate, and teach people how to learn about and from each other; find common ground and develop relationships and community.

Mary Tell (SCPS '05):

We must VOTE! We must find the ethical leaders among us and stand next to them as they lead us out of this divisive environment.

Donna Marshall (SCPS '95):

We need programs, policies, alliances, organizations and funds to help communities both nationally and globally.

Jo Ann Marie Radja (SCPS '89):

We need more Vincentian ambassadors in our communities to carry the torch of brotherly love.

Jacqueline Price (SCPS '93):

People must learn to accept and respect each other and their differences.

Neila Adams (SCPS '17):

Addressing these current events with action. Not just marching, but actually addressing the issues with a solution that MUST be put into place and implemented right away or else all is forgotten.

David Rossi (SCPS '14):

Be a leader. In times of uncertainty, people look for someone who gives them the confidence to keep going.

Maria Gonzalez (SCPS '19):

The world needs unity.

James Connelly (SCPS '10):

Find a treatment for COVID-19.

Olandreia Walton (SCPS '01):

We must come together and support each other. Inequalities in health care and food deserts in our poorest neighborhoods have got to be addressed.

Brian Tierney (SCPS '03):

Income inequality should be our country's focus going forward.

Doug Murphy (SCPS MA '94):

Ask "how can I serve those around me today?"

Donald Christopher James (SCPS '03, Med '14):

First, having honest dialogue of how America's history of institutionalized racism continues. Until racism is directly addressed, "What Must Be Done?" will not be done. Secondly, inclusion of more people of color, and specifically men of color, with power and influence in/among historical decision-makers is a next step. Lastly, until institutions realize how to reinvent themselves for and with diverse audiences in mind, historical and institutional racism will continue.