

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

*Once again our sensibilities have been shocked by the decision of the grand jury in Staten Island, New York to not indict Officer Daniel Pantaleo for choking Mr. Eric Gardner, an unarmed African American male, to death.*

Though the New York City medical examiner ruled Mr. Gardner's death as a homicide, the grand jury still chose to not indict Officer Pantaleo.

This decision on the heels of the grand jury's decision in the Michael Brown case makes it clear that to some, Black life does not matter. It's almost as if it's open season on Black unarmed males. To protest this deep insensitivity and grave miscarriage of justice, PNBC is joining with other African American denominations in designating December 14, 2014 as

**BLACK LIFE MATTERS SUNDAY!**

You're asked to ask all of your members to dress in black to mourn the deaths and verdicts of young African American males and designate a special time in your service to pray over our children; especially our boys, and to ask God's covering on their lives, our families and our communities.

We cannot afford to hold our peace in the face of this growing atmosphere of injustice.

Dr. James C. Perkins  
President

**"I CAN'T BREATHE"**

**ERIC GARNER - RIP**