



Honor

BLACK HISTORY

From a
hate crime
comes
healing.

IN MEMORIAM:

SHARONDA
COLEMAN-
SINGLETON

CYNTHIA MARIE
GRAHAM HURD

SUSIE
JACKSON

ETHEL LEE
LANCE

DEPAYNE
MIDDLETON-
DOCTOR

CLEMENTA C.
PINCKNEY

TYWANZA
SANDERS

DANIEL
SIMMONS

MYRA
THOMPSON

On **June 17, 2015**, nine African-American parishioners were killed at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. during an evening prayer service — an attack carried out in hopes of igniting a race war. Instead, the murders inspired a new dialogue about race, and led to the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the South Carolina Capitol where it had flown for more than 50 years. Other cities and states throughout the South also took steps to remove symbols of the Confederacy.

The families of those slain offered forgiveness to the murderer.

“Mother Emanuel” is one of the country’s oldest black churches, long a site for civil rights activism in the community.

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