

**Dominican University  
Board of Trustees**

**RESOLUTION:**

**A Partnership with the Village of River Forest, in Collaboration with  
Concordia University, to Challenge Racial Injustice, Promote  
Healing and Transform Practices on Campus and in our Community**

**WHEREAS**, Dominican University, an institution dedicated to serving an ever-growing minority community, as evidenced by its significant Latinx student body, feels deeply and is outraged by the repeated loss of innocent black lives caught in the crossfire of toxic politics, urban policing, and economic decline; and,

**WHEREAS**, animated by its social justice mission, and the spirit of its Sanctuary Campus Covenant, the University recently professed its commitment to become a stronger, anti-racist institution, a stance vocally supported by faculty, staff, and students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village of River Forest, in support of its Welcoming Community Resolution, identified a similar commitment to engage its citizens in conversation and collective action to address systemic and social injustice; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University and the Village have agreed upon a shared framework within which to collaborate and to better equip educational, governmental, and community leaders to advance anti-racist initiatives; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University and Village leadership commit to work together to remove structural barriers to equity and create opportunities for social mobility within our community and through alliance with surrounding communities;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, in a spirit of goodwill, the administration and trustees of Dominican University agree to support a joint venture with the Village of River Forest to build community capacity to combat racism and address other systemic inequities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the University and the Village seek to strengthen collaboration with Concordia University in advancing these efforts.

**AND FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that the University and the Village, within the community-engaged framework of Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation, seek to ensure broad stakeholder involvement, leading to sustained and enduring impact.

Approved December 10, 2020

Tom Abrahamson *Tom Abrahamson*  
Chair

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