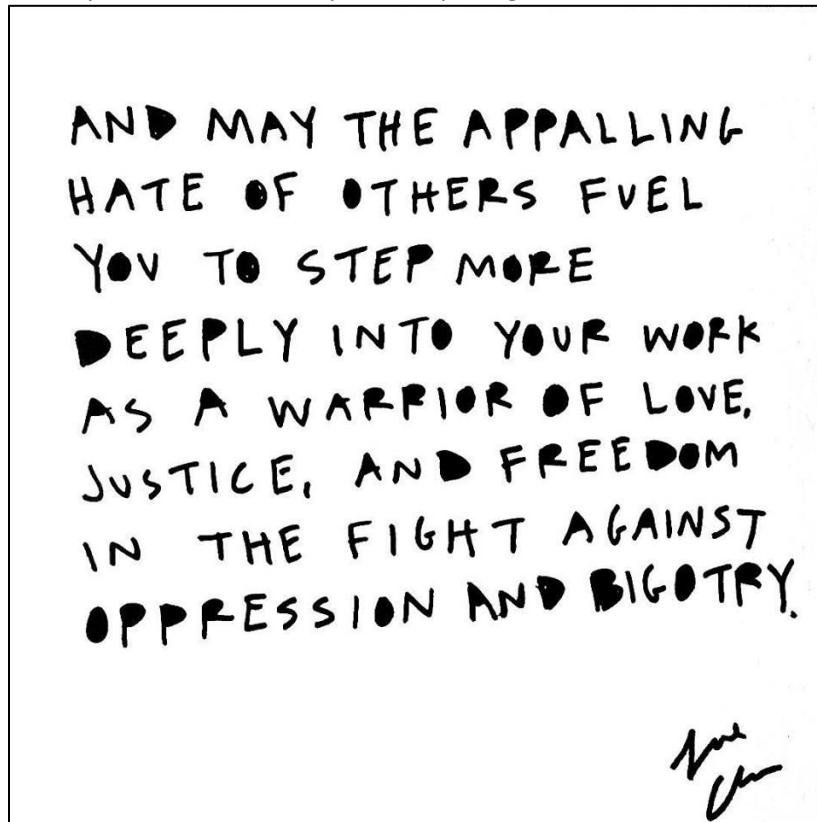


Thank you, Cleo Wade, for your compelling call to action:



The Partnership denounces hate, violence, bigotry and oppression in all its' forms. As such, we condemn the racist violence in #Charlottesville – and see it connected, at the root, to domestic violence. We understand that our historical and present complicity in colonization and imperialism have created our society based on power, control and violence – all of which destroy our ability to love, respect and have compassion for our fellow human beings.

As a coalition of domestic violence survivors, advocates, organizations and allies dedicated to lasting social change, the Partnership stands on the side of justice -- real justice – justice that is community-centered, promotes healing and reconciliation, and is grounded in beloved community.

And the Partnership consciously acts to change. This means acknowledging that the lived experiences of people of color differ from those of white people, and being accountable for rooting-out oppression perpetrated within and by our movement. It means we intentionally shift power so underrepresented voices frame our work, and follow leadership from marginalized communities. And it means we bring the power of our domestic violence coalition to act in support of just and equitable public policies framed by allied social justice movements.

If you are someone who cares about domestic violence, are an advocate in our movement, or are a Member program, we'd love to hear your reflections – how are you responding to this call to act as warriors of love, justice and freedom in the fight against oppression and bigotry?