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Clergy Speak Out against Assault on Capitol & White Evangelical Complicity

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Reverend Eugene F. Rivers, III and local clergy are condemning Trump supporters' violent assault on the Capitol on Wednesday in the strongest possible terms. According to Rivers "The president's actions in urging on this mass assault was seditious but unfortunately not unexpected." The religious leaders are promoting justice, peace and the rule of law in a time of unprecedented and shocking treasonous action. The clergy call for protesters and those who incited them to face the full consequences for their actions under the law as far as is possible. Rivers added: "Does anyone believe that these violent criminals would not have been brutally prevented from breaching the Capitol had they been black? On this point there can be no doubt." The silence of white evangelicals in the face of yesterday's events is complicity, reminiscent of the behavior of many of the German clergy during the Nazi era. The clergy in Boston are demanding that white evangelicals, who have in too many instances condoned the behavior of these white supremacists by their silence, raise their voices now to condemn the violence and to begin the process of restoring some semblance of confidence in fundamental American institutions.

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