



**NATIONAL BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS**  
**BENJAMIN L. HOOKS CHAPTER**

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*Regina M. Thompson*  
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Greetings Memphis residents:

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On Wednesday, June 17, 2015, our nation endured another travesty, and we were once again reminded that our world is still filled with people who commit violence premised upon racial discrimination and prejudice. Dylann Roof, a Caucasian male, attended a prayer service at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, a historical African American church located in Charleston, South Carolina. Upon arrival, Roof was welcomed with open arms and sat with church members for over an hour before he launched his repulsive attack upon them. Nine innocent African-American people (Cynthia Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lance, DePayne Middleton Doctor, Clementa Pinckney, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel L. Simmons, Sr., Sharonda Singleton, and Myra Thompson) were wrongfully slain. According to Roof, his attack was fueled by his hatred of the African-American race.

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This **Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 7:30 pm**, the Black Law Students Association, Benjamin L. Hooks Chapter, will hold a **Candlelight Vigil** to commemorate the lives of the nine individuals who were slain. This event will be held at **Tom Lee Park**, located at Riverside Drive and Beale Street. The keynote speaker for this event will be Reverend Kenneth S. Robinson, M.D., M. Div., of the Saint Andrew A.M.E. Church. We charge the entire Memphis community with joining us as we honor the lives that were taken, and to stand in solidarity in the midst of the racism and bigotry that still plague our nation. Everyone is welcome to stand together in unity, with the hope of bring positive change not only to Memphis, but also to our entire nation.

*Brian C. Dockery*  
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Sincerely,

*Regina M. Thompson*

President, Black Law Students Association