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## **South Carolina ETV and Public Radio commemorates 10-year anniversary of Mother Emanuel AME tragedy**

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) will honor the 10-year anniversary of the 2015 tragedy at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston through a series of special programs and community engagement efforts under the theme *Never Forgotten: The Emanuel Nine*.

Beginning this month, SCETV will launch a community storytelling initiative, *Voices Collected*, to preserve the voices and memories connected to the Emanuel Nine as well as to place emphasis on healing, legacy and impact. SCETV invites South Carolinians and others around the country to share reflections and memories online or in-person at scheduled events. These collected voices— via audio, video or written submissions— will be curated for use in broadcast, podcast, social media and educational materials. For information on how to schedule your recording session at the ETV studios or an upcoming event, or to submit your story online, visit the [SCETV website](#).

In addition to the *Voices Collected* initiative, SCETV's broadcast and digital platforms will feature dedicated programming throughout June. News reports and features through programs like *This Week in South Carolina* and the *South Carolina Lede* will honor the lives lost, exploring the continued work of justice and reconciliation. A televised broadcast special is also scheduled to premiere on ETV on June 19 at 8 p.m. The special will also be available to stream on the SCETV website, the SCETV App or by using the PBS App.

Additionally, SCETV is collaborating with church and youth organizations to support youth engagement and reflection around the commemoration.

On June 17, 2015, nine worshippers were killed, and one was injured during a Bible study at the historic Mother Emanuel AME Church-- the oldest Black church in the South. This tragedy sparked conversation and movements across the state and country.

As the state and nation reflect on the legacy of the Emanuel Nine, SCETV is committed to creating space for remembrance, reflection and healing through broadcast and digital content as well as civic community dialogue.

For more information and updates on programming and events, visit [scetv.org/emanuelnine](http://scetv.org/emanuelnine).

### **QUOTES**

"As we mark 10 years since the tragedy at Mother Emanuel AME Church, SCETV is honored to commemorate the lives lost and amplify the voices of those forever impacted. Telling this story is not just an act of remembrance— it is a responsibility we carry as South Carolinians, as journalists and as human beings. Through thoughtful, community-rooted storytelling, we aim to ensure that the legacy of the Emanuel Nine lives on and continues to inspire healing and understanding." **–SCETV President and CEO Adrienne Fairwell**

"The content we're creating for this 10-year remembrance is community-informed and collaborative. We are being thoughtful in who we bring together—a talented, passionate team of journalists, producers, educators and storytellers— who understand the weight and meaning of this moment. I want to express sincere gratitude to those who are committing their time, energy and hearts to ensure this effort honors the legacy of the Emanuel Nine with passion and compassion." **–SCETV Assistant General Manager Dr. Stephanie Cook**

## **FAST FACTS**

- SCETV will honor the 10-year anniversary of the Mother Emanuel AME Church tragedy through a comprehensive slate of programming and community engagement, including story collection, special broadcasts, podcasts, youth outreach— under the theme *Never Forgotten: The Emanuel Nine*.
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## **About South Carolina ETV and Public Radio**

South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) is the state's public educational broadcasting network. SCETV amplifies South Carolina voices, provides educational experiences and strengthens communities, while working toward creating a stronger, more connected and informed South Carolina. In addition to airing local programs, such as *The Know Show*, *Making It Grow*, and *This Week in South Carolina*, SCETV also presents multiple programs to regional and national audiences, including *Books By The River*, *After Action*, *Reconnecting Roots*, *Reel South*, *Yoga in Practice*, *Downing of a Flag* and *Southern Songwriters with Patrick Davis*.

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