



### Call To Action For Dismantling Racism

Racism in all forms, including systemic, institutional, and interpersonal, must be addressed and overcome. Woods Church condemns the constrained lives and deaths of all people that have resulted from racism and we reject the hate and violence that racism generates. In particular, we understand and recognize the value, worth, quality, and significance of Black lives and stand in solidarity with our Black sisters and brothers. We are committed to acting upon this historic opportunity to root out racism for all members of our society.

We must recognize the evil of racism and bear witness, in the name of Jesus Christ, wherever we see or hear it. Woods Church is committed to creating a safe, just, and anti-racist society for all people. In examining ourselves in light of recent events, we acknowledge a need to go beyond our previous actions with respect to inequality and racism and work harder to make a better future. Our first step will be to examine our church ministries, offices, pastoral care, and education spaces.

We must expunge hate and violence when and where we witness it. We have to overcome the unacceptable levels of poverty and inequity in our nation and communities. We have to ensure that no parent has to worry about their child's safety because of the color of their skin. We must address the underlying causes that foster this inequity.

We recognize that Woods Church cannot do this overnight or alone. We commit to working with our faith and community partners to leverage our strengths, voices, and actions to co-create a better world for everyone.



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