

We are
committed
to racial justice,
peace, and unity.



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Where God's Love Welcomes All

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Statement of Faith in *Action*

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Racial Awareness Resource

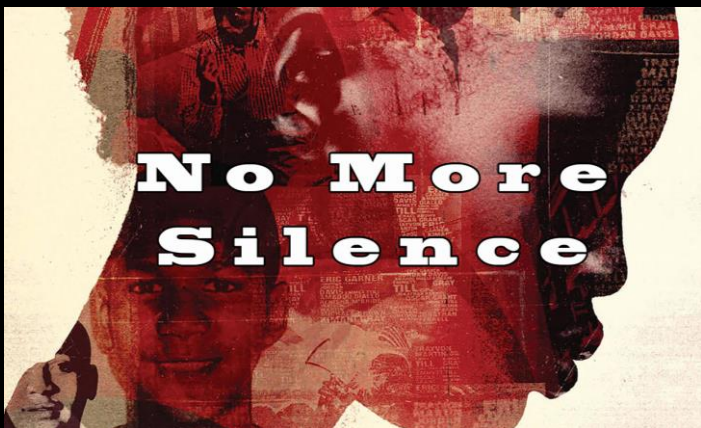


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Statement of Faith in *Action*



- *We believe:* Black lives have been disproportionately impacted by violence and oppression, with many cut short by acts of racism.
- *We believe:* Black lives have been treated as if they matter less in America for far too long.
- *We believe:* Racial oppression is the opposite of what God intends for humanity.
- *We believe:* The Church is called to denounce and oppose all forms of racism, discrimination, brutality, violence and oppression, particularly those reinforced by systems of power.
- *We believe:* People – regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, ability, religion, age, or sexual orientation – deserve dignity, love, respect, freedom from degrading or violent treatment, and equitable access to social, educational, and economic opportunities.

Racial Awareness Resources

Suggested Books

Christian Perspective & Secular Perspective

- **“So You Want to Talk About Race”** by Ijeoma Oluo (Jan 2018)
- **“How to Be an Anti-Racist”** by Ibram X. Kendi (August 2019)
- **“Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria”** by Beverly Daniel Tatum (September 2017)
- **“Caste”** by Isabel Wilkerson (August 2020)
- **“Brian the Brave”** by Paul Stewart and Jane Porter (August 2019) – children’s book
- **“Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor”** by Layla F. Saad (January 2020)
- **“Anti-Racist Baby Board Book”** by Ibram X. Kendi (July 2020)
- **“Let Justice Roll Down”** by John Perkins (August 2014)
- **“The Cross and the Lynching Tree”** by James Cone (January 2015)

Books May Be Purchased at Source of Knowledge, a Black-Owned Book Store in Newark, NJ. (973.824.2556)

Parents & Teacher Resource

- **Talking About Race.** National Museum of African American History & Culture of the Smithsonian Institute
<https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race>

Study & Training

- **Growing a Personal Anti-Racist Voice and Identity.** A self-guided study developed by Louisville Seminary – August 5, 2020
<https://fpcweb.org/dev/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/racial-identity-study.pdf>
- **Resources for Self-Study on Racism** from the Presbyterian Historical Society – September 22, 2020 (New Jersey):
<https://amp.mycentraljersey.com/amp/3151371001>
- **Classic Civil Rights Material:** MLK’s Letter from Birmingham Jail:
https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html
- <https://www.pcusa.org/racial-justice-resources/>

Black History for White People on Apple Podcasts or Spotify



- **Our goal is simple—educate white people on black history.** #BHforWP is a multiethnic collective dedicated to loving black and brown people by educating, resourcing, and challenging white people to actively participate in racial justice. The highest calling of humanity is to love. Whether you know it or not, the racial disparities in our country hurt us. New episodes will be released on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.