

Pilgrim Confession and Healing Racism Covenant

In love God calls us to affirm the inherent worth, dignity and equality of every person. We believe each person is a child of God, deserving of love and respect.

When we remember that white Christians viewed enslaved people and Native Americans as non-human, as not made in the image of God, to justify brutality, separation of families, and all kinds of violence, we are deeply grieved. When we remember that white Christians participated in lynchings, Jim Crow and massive resistance to racial equality, we are filled with regret and remorse. When we realize that this resistance and violence continues today, along with the effects of past injustice, we are outraged and ashamed.

Our Christian faith requires us to confront and change this as a part of our salvation.

We confess to our racist history as a formerly whites-only congregation. We acknowledge the grave wrongs done to people of color by white people via past and ongoing forms of oppression and stigmatization. We understand that our church and the white members of our congregation have benefited from these injustices, and continue to benefit, even when we are not aware of it, and even when we manage to avoid engaging in explicitly discriminatory practices in our current lives.

With God's help and grace, we dedicate ourselves to dismantle individual and institutional racism in all its forms within ourselves, our church, and our community.

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