

WE BELIEVE in a church that passionately works for *racial justice*. We rejoice in the historical diversity of the Wesleyan tradition and the stream of resistance to racism that has existed from its beginning. We confess that we also have a history of failing to eliminate prejudice, exploitation, oppression, fear and despair based on race and ethnicity. From the Ethiopian eunuch to the people of all nations at Pentecost, the church has a mandate to love our neighbors who comprise God's diverse humanity. We therefore reject systems, structures and practices of law, media, religion and other institutions that seek to exploit, degrade, dehumanize and criminalize persons based on racial, ethnic and/or tribal differences. Instead, we will work continuously for the creation of a world that allows all people equal access to the opportunities afforded by quality healthcare, education, meaningful employment, responsible use of resources, technology and leisure.