

St. Luke's Vision for Racial Equity

Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him..." - Acts 10:34-35

The work of racial equity is directly connected to [St. Luke's 2020+ Vision](#) and specifically our "Reconciling Love" pillar.

Racism has no place in the Kingdom of God.

As a body of Christ, St. Luke's United Methodist Church **stands for racial equity and against all forms of racism** that have plagued our nation for centuries. We condemn the loss of lives, brutality, injustice, and continued trauma of those who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color because of racism. We lament the murder of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and countless other Black siblings in Christ. We reject racist and discriminatory theology, policies, and practices because we are committed to just love.

We believe that every person is sacred in God's eyes and that **Black lives matter**. We recognize that **all lives can't matter** until all Black, Indigenous, and People of Color's lives matter. We acknowledge that **racism is a sin** and it is **antithetical** to the incarnational birth, life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

St. Luke's is called to the complex work of reconciling the past and challenging the status quo to establish a truly equitable and inclusive community of faith for all God's children. We are all responsible for what happens next so we commit to live out St. Luke's core values of acceptance, hospitality, community, discipleship, and service through a lens of equity and justice. We will uphold our United Methodist Baptismal Vows that call us to:

- Renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness
- Reject the evil powers of this world
- Accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves

- Confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races.

St. Luke's will continue building bridges through a renewed focus on curating resources to encourage dialogue and learning around issues of diversity, inclusivity, equity, and justice. [If you would like to help steward St. Luke's vision for racial equity, please contact the church.](#)