



Statement on Racism

As president of Global Ministries University and as a human being caring about our nation and our global community I am compelled to speak out against the overt and covert racism that sadly still plagues our nation. The killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and far too many others call into hideously sharp focus the sustained and systemic injustice perpetrated on Black people. We must all stand together in solidarity with our Black sisters and brothers, say their names and affirm the value and dignity of Black lives. Black Lives Matter!

Global Ministries University strives to be a “beloved community” as envisioned by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. As such, we uphold equality and inclusivity while affirming the diversity that enlivens and enriches our discourse and culture. We are Blessings to each other! We cannot let injustice divide us. We are a family.

At Global Ministries University, we are committed to creating a community of generous encounter, a place where all feel respected, welcomed, and safe. We stand with people of every race, ethnicity and culture who are committed to work together for the elimination of every vestige of racist thought or behavior that is as much a virus as that of the coronavirus pandemic.

For those who have no lived experience of racism or bigotry, and may be struggling to understand the events and reactions of these last few days, let alone years, **I urge you to listen and learn, and then add your voice.** Michelle Obama posted this weekend, “If we ever hope to move past [racism], it can’t just be on people of color to deal with it. It’s up to all of us—Black, white, everyone—no matter how well-meaning we think we might be, to do the honest, uncomfortable work of rooting it out.”

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