

**From the Provincial Elders' Conference
Moravian Church, Southern Province, Winston-Salem, North Carolina**

Because we hold that all people are God's creatures (Genesis 1:27) and that he has made of one blood all nations (Acts 17:26), we oppose any discrimination based on color, race, creed, or land of origin and declare that we should treat everyone with love and respect.

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The recent deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery are a tragic indication that naming and dismantling racism in our society remains an urgent need. These are but the most recent and widely publicized instances in a seemingly endless series of acts of violence perpetrated upon brothers and sisters of color and diverse origin. We recognize that the evil of slavery created a bitter legacy for our country that persists in our society's systems. This legacy has regrettably been part of our own church history, for which we have apologized. We deplore all acts of violence, and we urge all people to embrace liberty and justice for all. We call for confession, repentance and reconciling work among ourselves and in our witness to the community.

We implore elected officials and law enforcement officers to stand for liberty and justice for all; to uphold the right to peaceful assembly and protest; and to pursue the systemic changes needed in our society to ensure just and fair treatment of all people.

We commend the resources to further this work found on this Moravian Church webpage: <https://www.moravian.org/southern/2020/05/moravian-team-for-racial-cultural-and-ethnic-reconciliation/>, notably the Anti-Racism Resources 2020, and the booklet, "Continuing the Journey of Racial Reconciliation".

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