

LOVE ONE ANOTHER JOHN 13:34



Being truly inclusive is

Everyone's Business

Being inclusive is more than inviting someone to share the pew space beside you. It means insuring you will hear their voice, their story, their excitement about being in ministry together in the United Methodist Church.

GCORR is helping congregations create new conversations that replace racism with relationships.

GET INVOLVED.

As our church and our communities recognize a need to authentically embrace diversity, sadly, we also recognize that racism continues to manifest itself in debilitating ways - some violent and blatant; others subtle and difficult to recognize.

The mandate of the church is to be a source of hope, healing, empowerment, justice and reconciliation to the poor, marginalized and broken during these changing times. I believe that by the power of the Holy Spirit and with our perseverance we can conquer the sin of racism and hate that is present among us.

Erin M. Hawkins, General Secretary



The General Commission on Religion and Race was established in 1968. Its primary purpose is to challenge and equip the general agencies, institutions, and connecional structures of the United Methodist Church to a full and equal participation of the racial and ethnic constituency in the total life and mission of the Church through teaching, advocacy and by reviewing and monitoring the practices of the entire church so as to further ensure racial inclusiveness as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The Book of Discipline, UMC 2008, Section XIV Par 2002

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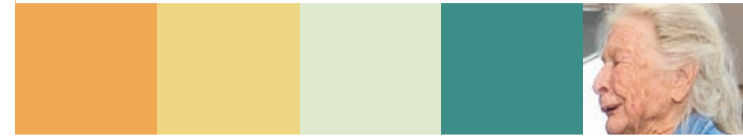
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Relationships, not Racism

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“Racism is a learned affliction and anything learned can be unlearned.”

JANE ELLIOT, ANTI-RACISM EDUCATOR

To end Racism Begin a new Dialogue



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WE LISTEN. WE ACT. WE CARE.

GCORR means communicating strategies to **G**alvanize Support. Providing tools to **C**reate the conversation. Teaching techniques to **O**rchestrate change. Sharing skills that motivate others to **R**espond. Offering ideas to **R**each new partners... all with the purpose of Erasing Racism and Embracing Inclusion.

GCORR - FOCUSED On Four:

The Four Areas of Focus express the vision and yearnings of the people of The United Methodist Church over the next four years. GCORR's aim is to ensure that in each area, the vision includes all peoples of color engaged in the work of the church for the benefit of all. Whether *Combating the diseases of poverty by improving health globally; Creating new places for new people and revitalizing existing congregations, Developing principled Christian leaders for the church or Engaging in ministry with the poor-* GCORR will focus on helping leaders throughout the UMC Connection develop the confidence and cultural competence to achieve the vision.



GCORR believes that to end racism, we must be courageous in beginning new conversations across the church and across cultures. Our racially and ethnically diverse team is skilled in engaging, leading, teaching

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and advocating to help the church fully embrace diversity at all levels of the church. Whether it is evaluating cabinet and other conference staff leadership for cultural competence, reviewing personnel procedures to embrace diversity more fully, or developing resources to introduce reconciliation and healing to your church and community, GCORR is there to help.

COURAGEOUS LEADERS

GCORR trains church leaders to recognize and respond to the ideology of discrimination in the clergy appointment process, in congregations, and where ever it infiltrates the life of the church. GCORR resources help church leaders act out their belief that culturally competent leadership is imperative to authentically making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

GCORR educates United Methodists to unmask ways in which racism permeates our church communities. Through workshops and resources, GCORR helps churches listen, and develop relevant dialogues that address the sins of racism and empower church leaders to transform systems of discrimination into systems which embrace racial ethnic inclusiveness.

FUNDING THAT WORKS!

The CORR Action Fund assists church related agencies and community organizations that care about dismantling racism. The fund supports Racial Ethnic Caucuses, advocacy efforts related to immigrant groups and refugees, programs preparing pastoral leaders and seminarians for cross cultural/racial appointments and projects that enhance awareness of multiculturalism.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

GCORR partners with agencies, UM related institutions, and our racial ethnic caucuses and ethnic plans, to ensure that diversity, empowerment and justice are a central part of every ministry of the church. GCORR provides anti-racist tools and educational resources for the transmission of anti-racist values and methodologies.

THE GLOBAL CONNECTION

GCORR understands that racism's reach extends past North American borders. Whether called ethnocentrism, xenophobia or ethnic cleansing, globalized racism persistently adds to the social disintegration of our worldwide community. GCORR resources engage churches in practices that can begin to dismantle the systems which feed on racism.