

# OUR RESPONSE TO RACISM



FORMING AUTHENTIC  
CONNECTIONS  
ACROSS RACIAL LINES

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An orienting resource palette commissioned  
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Deep gratitude is extended to all who had the vision for and have contributed to and prayed for the formulation of this offering. May it be a resource through which God works within each of us as the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church and beyond.

This document is designed to be used as a tool to address racism through love, education, communication and scriptural background, while working together as the body of Christ.

It is intended to be helpful in the process of healing in our churches and communities, viewing all as equal human beings.

Sections of the document address topics such as:

- How to listen and learn to hear the stories
- History of racism in our nation
- How to lead and have discussions with the intentional efforts to form relationships
- Living out our witness by being authentic in our efforts to love like Christ as we continue to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

It is hoped that some part of this palette of responses may be found useful in every local context, and that God's own Spirit will inspire hearts to redeeming action beyond what is offered in these few pages.

This resource was prayerfully and deliberately designed to facilitate open conversations about race and racism. Therefore, some of the content – words, images and videos – is direct and might be disturbing for some.

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