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## WE ARE COMMITTED TO ONE NEW HUMANITY

*Ephesians 2:15-16*

*(Jesus) made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other.*

Genesis 1:27 informs us that every human being is an image bearer of God and worthy of dignity and honor. Therefore, racism, bias, and bigotry are not only hurtful to other humans but grieve the heart of God.

As a collective community, we recognize and lament that racism remains embedded in our present culture. We further believe that we have the resources in the gospel to dismantle its power and presence, and we believe the Church is to be a prophetic witness of One New Humanity in Christ.

In a commitment to be a part of the solution by seeking this biblical vision, we have determined some actionable first steps for Jubilee members to take. We understand these actions are only a starting point, and our commitment must, and will be, ongoing as we learn more of what it means to fight racism. We invite you to join us in the pursuit of One New Humanity.

### 1. PRAY

*2 Chronicles 7:14*

*Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.*

- For Jesus to help you search your own heart and reveal needed transformations
- For the healing and safety of black people
- For the Church to preach and live out the gospel in truth and put on display the manifold wisdom of God (Eph 3:10)
- For real change in our nation

### 2. LEARN

*2 Corinthians 5:16*

*So then, from now on, we have a new perspective that refuses to evaluate people merely by their outward appearances. For that's how we once viewed the Anointed One, but no longer do we see him with limited human insight.*

We are committed to an ongoing process of learning that addresses our ignorance and bias to promote empathy, growth, and change. Here are two simple ways to learn:

- a) Find a person who thinks different than you on racial issues
  - Listen to their perspective
  - Talk to them until they are satisfied that you understand their perspective
  - Don't share your perspective unless they ask
  - Don't feel obligated to agree with them, but don't argue with them either
- b) Read a book. Lots of good choices, but our community groups will be specifically encouraged to consider one of the following:
  - Multi-Ethnic Conversations by Mark DeYmaz
  - United by Trillia Newbell
  - One Blood by Dr. John Perkins



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### 3. ACT

*James 2:14*

*What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions?*

- **Relate** - we want to be those who pursue people relationally who don't think like us, act like us, or vote like us as a reflection of One New Humanity
- **Reach** - we want to define our neighbor as more than just those who live on our block or exist inside our comfort zone
- **Restore** - we want to look for ways both individually and corporately where we can use the power God has given us (money, time, influence, etc) to restore and give back to those our society has marginalized