

Crossroads Fellowship Statement on Racism

Crossroads Fellowship is a church that celebrates diversity. We believe that the Bible teaches that racism in any form is a sin and that there is need for racial reconciliation. We believe that God created the Human Race and that all people are loved by Him and therefore are to be loved by us. God's Word makes clear that all people have dignity and are worthy of respect because they are created in God's image.

We are a multi-ethnic church standing together for racial justice and condemning the sin of racism. We stand against and oppose all forms of racism. We must not only declare racism to be wrong; we also oppose specific degrading and dehumanizing acts and movements that do not align with or are opposed to Scripture.

Our reason for denouncing hate and racism is based in our allegiance to Jesus Christ and to the Word of God. We look through the lens of Scripture and our personal relationship with Jesus to inform us regarding cultural issues, political issues, popular opinion, media hype and movements, not the other way around. Jesus displayed His love for sinful humanity through the cross. From His death on the cross to His resurrection, He has secured a kingdom comprised of people from every language, tribe, nation, skin color, and socio-economic status. This gift is available to all people.

For over 30 years Crossroads Fellowship has taught and reminded our community that we are better together in oneness and unity. We have sought to be unified through Jesus and strive to not only be diverse, but also to celebrate unity that can only be brought by His Spirit.

We confess that we have much to do; but do not shy away from having difficult conversations and taking the steps the Lord directs. We commit to hearing one another in love and responding Biblically towards both verbal and actionable responses. We will continue to actively pursue ways to celebrate our multiracial and multicultural church and to actively engage in our community to promote positive change.

We understand that Jesus Christ is the only ultimate answer to this problem and that the Christian faith is the only hope for mankind. We must start with ourselves, examining our own hearts and thoughts. Asking God to forgive and rid us of all hatred, bigotry and racism. In addition, we pray for all who have suffered because of racism that God will comfort them and fill them with His peace. That He would lead them to the path of offering forgiveness to those who have wronged them. As God works in each of us, we are committed to Him working in and through our church.

We make this statement to both remind ourselves and others of the truth we are called to embody as believers. We declare that our church, rooted in God's Word, stands for the goodness and truth, for the value and dignity of all people, for freedom, for unity, for justice, and for the hope of eternal life that is available to all people through our Savior Christ Jesus.