

RESOLUTION ON DISMANTLING RACISM

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Whereas racism is not condoned by our laws, yet can linger hidden in our hearts; and

Whereas the Prophet Amos says, "Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord,... will be with you,... [and] let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream. (Amos 5:14, 24); and

Whereas Jesus tells us, "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7:12); and Jesus further says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:37); and

Whereas it can be difficult discipleship to extend love to people and communities not of our own race, ethnic background or cultural group; and

Whereas the TCC Church and Society Commission has researched and prepared a brochure annotating ecumenical educational materials for dismantling racism, therefore,

Be it resolved that we of the 2003 Annual Assembly re-examine our attitudes and behaviors for lingering practices of racism, use ecumenical educational materials in our congregations, our communities and as individuals, and act, in Christ, to build bridges based on mutual respect and love with other racial, ethnic and cultural groups in the state of Texas and throughout the world.