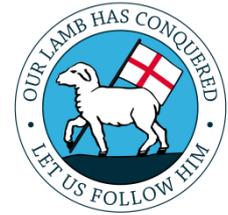


Office of the Unity Board Administrator



Christiansfeld, June 6th, 2020

Moravian Church Worldwide, the Unity Board and any other concerned

Dear sisters and brothers!

The PEC (Provincial Board), the Bishops and the Mission & Society Committee of the Moravian Church in the UK have issued the following statement on the death of George Floyd and racism:

Over the last two weeks, the death of George Floyd has highlighted the harsh realities of racism and the negative impact that it has had on the lives of countless black people.

We abhor his murder and we offer our sincere sympathy to his family. Racism exists in our society and it can often go unrecognised. We are committed to taking action to challenge all forms of racism. Everyone is equal and everyone is created in the image of God, but centuries of racism have led to the perception that some lives are valued more than others.

We call on all of our brothers and sisters to affirm and uphold one of the key tenets of the Moravian basis of faith that "We oppose any discrimination in our midst because of race or standing, and we regard it as a commandment of the Lord to bear public witness to this and to demonstrate by word and deed that we are brothers and sisters in Christ." (Ground of the Unity).

After having received this statement, I have been in contact with the chair of the British PEC, Sr. Roberta Hoey. I asked and got permission to share the statement with the Unity Board, i.e. the whole worldwide Unity. This is hereby done.

Secondly, it was agreed that if any other Moravian Provinces, other entities or individuals want to co-sign the statement, we are most welcome to do so. Practically, this can be done by returning this e-mail to the UBA on boytler@ebu.de noting: **I agree to the statement.**

We will collect any indications of signing the statement and publish the statement with the names of those, who co-sign.

Grace and peace



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