



Resolution

RACIAL AND ETHNIC RECONCILIATION IN THE UNITED STATES

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- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures reveal to us that Eve is the mother of all the living (Genesis 3:20), all humanity is descended from common parentage (Acts 17:26), and all people ought to be treated with dignity as beings created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27; cf. James 3:9-10).
- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures speak regarding Christian salvation that “there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28), and that Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).
- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures teach us that government authorities are responsible under God to uphold a good and orderly society (Romans 13:1–7).
- WHEREAS** The United States Declaration of Independence states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”
- WHEREAS** The presence of racial and ethnic tension in the United States was sadly undeniable in 2014 AD. Such was particularly evident in multiple incidents of violence and unrest in Missouri, New York, and Ohio.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** NRB expresses thanksgiving to our Lord for creating all human beings in His image, providing a basis for equality before the law; furthermore, we give thanks that through salvation, believers from every race and ethnicity are all one in Christ. NRB calls on its members to embrace equality and reconciliation, specifically being mindful in neighbor love and ministry partnerships to reach across racial and ethnic lines that have divided too many for too long, demonstrating through love that we are His disciples.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** NRB denounces any form of racial or ethnic discrimination and hatred, and NRB opposes the actions of those who would seek to inflame racial or ethnic tension for their own gain.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** NRB thanks and honors those agents of government who dutifully and bravely work to uphold a just and orderly society in which the constitutional freedoms of every citizen, regardless of race or ethnicity, are enjoyed through the structure of the law.

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