

2026 National Convocation Declaration of Faith for Justice and Action

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Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep God's commandments: for this is the whole duty of every human. (Ecclesiastes 12:13 KJV)

We declare and affirm that the National Convocation proclaims the transformative love of Jesus Christ as a prophetic witness that prioritizes uplifting, engaging, and advocating for the advancement of Black Disciples.

We declare that our reverence for God demands that we keep God's command to love our neighbors as we love ourselves and this requirement to love our neighbors is not ours alone to bear.

We declare that it is the transformative love of Jesus Christ that compels us to speak up and act courageously against all public policies that disregard the humanity of all people, all political agendas that manipulate the vulnerable in our communities especially children, immigrants, and the poor; and all elected and appointed leaders who misuse their positions of influence at the expense of the common good and undermine the freedoms of all people.

We declare that the prophetic witness of Black Disciples across the United States, Canada, and around the world must continue to be amplified so that our witness, collectively, is strong and influential enough to shift the tide of injustice in this current sociopolitical climate.

We declare that the conclusion of the whole matter is grounded in our faith in God and affirmed by the enduring principle stated in the Declaration of Independence: *We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all people 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.* Thus, laws that promote voter suppression of black and brown communities, extrajudicial punishment in these communities, and laws that promote the advancement of white supremacy are unjust and in direct conflict with who say we are as people of faith and with the stated identity of this nation.

Therefore, in reverence to God and in faithful obedience to God's command to love our neighbor, we, the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) declare this to be so and reaffirm our commitment to faithful justice, prophetic witness, and collective action for the flourishing of all people.

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