

# RESOLUTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OF CULTURAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS

*NOTE: The following Resolution has received the unanimous approval of the Delmarva-DC Regional Council and will be presented for final adoption at the regional ministers meeting.*

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WHEREAS, the DELMARVA-DC Region acknowledges that scripture teaches against discrimination in any form (1 Timothy 5:21) as it relates to cultural and ethnic groups of any kind, and is a sin against God and humankind; and

WHEREAS, the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-2), we see that walls were broken down between nations, languages, sexes, and social classes and that, additionally, Pentecost is an intercultural agent throwing a bridge across troubled waters between cultures that otherwise may never meet, we seek to reclaim our interracial and multicultural roots and not display any discrimination; and

WHEREAS, God has made from one blood every nation of humanity to dwell on all the face of the Earth and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings (Acts 17:26); and

WHEREAS, discrimination against cultural and ethnic groups is a divisive tool that maligns individuals and nations, (Romans 10:12); and

WHEREAS, discrimination against cultural and ethnic groups has a demoralizing effect, encumbering spiritual development and ministry advancement, and creating alienation (Galatians 3:26-27); and

WHEREAS, every individual is created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27) and has their origin in Adam, who is the Father of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the unity of Heaven and diversity of Earth (Colossians 3:11); and

WHEREAS, all people need a saving transformative relationship with God through Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:9);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the DELMARVA-DC Region, repent of past and present discriminatory practices towards any ethnicity, nationality, and culture and do affirm the worth of every individual (Psalms 139:14) and pray for those who have not surrendered to the Word of God in like manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we uphold publicly and privately biblical human value, dignity, and equality of the individual (Jeremiah 1:5) and we oppose any form of discrimination against cultural and ethnic groups and we commit to connecting, appreciating, representing, and understanding all cultures and ethnic groups;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the DELMARVA-DC Region meticulously seeks a proportional ethnic representation of our regional demographics within our appointed boards, committees, programs, and services (Galatians 3:28).