

**UCC NATIONAL RESPONSE TO XENOPHOBIA AND RACISM
CHRISTIANS RESTORING RACIAL JUSTICE FOR ALL!**

Restorative racial justice means celebrating humanity’s rich cultures and diverse ethnic backgrounds, traditions, and expressions of faith. Racial justice demands Christians actively, boldly, and without reservation participate in dismantling racism within systems and structures that oppress people, limit equal access, and denies children, women, and men their civil and human rights.

**STOP THE HATE
TAKE A STAND AGAINST RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA**

It is our responsibility to report hate crimes.

- Human Rights Campaign What to do if you’ve been a hate crime victim
 - <https://www.hrc.org/resources/what-to-do-if-youve-been-the-victim-of-a-hate-crime>
- Southern Poverty Law Center
 - <https://www.splcenter.org/news/2020/04/03/covid-19-updates-splc-continues-fight-against-injustice>
 - <https://www.splcenter.org/reporthate>
- Department of Justice
 - <https://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes>
 - <https://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes/learn-about-hate-crimes/chart>
- Hate Crimes Reporting
 - <https://www.matthewshepard.org/hate-crimes-reporting/>
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Tips for reporting hate, racism and xenophobia offenses

- Report, show up, protect, speak out, and advocate for vulnerable communities.
- Identify and report perpetrators of hate crimes—racism and xenophobia.
- Inform and train members within your congregations and communities how to intervene, speak out, and disrupt hate, racism, discrimination, sexism, ageism, homophobic and sexual orientation oppression, and the suppression of human and civil rights

TAKE ACTION NOW

Join with the National Officers of the UCC [signing onto a letter](#) denouncing false information that leads to xenophobia and racist actions taken around the country. While others respond with fear and hate, as Christians we are called to respond in love. We remember that the bible teaches us, “There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.”

[Urge your elected Members of Congress](#) to stop the spread of xenophobia and to condemn in strong language racist attacks. Ask them also to support a resolution intro [introduced](#) by Rep. U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (NY) that calls on Congress to denounce anti-Asian sentiment in all forms, and for all elected officials to do the same. The resolution also calls for a coordinated Federal response to these hate crimes and to actively combat misinformation.

Contact the CDC to provide access to testing and eliminate bias

[https://www.wyden.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/040720%20Letter%20to%20CDC%20RE%20covid%20ata.pdf](https://www.wyden.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/040720%20Letter%20to%20CDC%20RE%20covid%20data.pdf)

“Love of neighbor is an essential aspect of Jesus’ theology. Love for neighbor is not optional, numerous scriptures provide Jesus’ theological premises that love for others is most clear and illuminates one’s love for God. When we violate love for our neighbors, we send a clear message to God that we do not love the Creator, Jesus and his teachings, and the Holy Spirit’s Pentecost message to be the Church are ignored.”

Native Americans Fight Multiple COVID-19 Crises

In addition to glaring health disparities, Tribe leaders report a new battle brewing against the federal government over reservation lands.

<https://www.colorlines.com/articles/native-americans-fight-multiple-covid-19-crises>

COVID-19 Creates Added Danger for Women in Homes With Domestic Violence

DV advocates worry they will see an uptick in abuse the longer we socially isolate.

<https://www.colorlines.com/articles/covid-19-creates-added-danger-women-homes-domestic-violence>

COVID-19 Overt Racism Against Black Women

- <https://blavity.com/even-amid-a-pandemic-some-hospitals-still-arent-listening-to-black-women-and-its-proven-fatal?category1=Wellness&subCat=news>
- **Virus erupts in U.S. cities where the poor have few defenses**
The coronavirus pandemic is burrowing into America’s battered industrial heartland and the South, bursting out in places like Detroit and New Orleans that have legions of low-income residents with underlying medical conditions and few resources.
Read in Bloomberg: <https://apple.news/A8f4vdVGrT5yqyk2PD1sD-A>

As people of faith, we are called to stand together to protect ourselves, and our sisters and brothers experiencing verbal and physical threats, and violence due to acts of racism and xenophobia. Our role as Christians is to actively engage, address, disrupt, and dismantle structures and systems that perpetuate racism.

Racism has no place in our world. Racism must never be taught as a Biblical principle because God did not create superior people groups and cultures. Racism should never be tolerated in worship spaces, preached from pulpits, allowed in communities, or supported by local, state, and national government leaders.

We affirm God’s creation. All people bear God’s image and likeness with equal status. God desires all people be treated with dignity and respect, to live free, and move about the earth without borders, walls, and threats of separation and annihilation.

The United Church of Christ Coronavirus-19 Resources
[UCC COVID-19 Resources](#)

Be Informed and Stop Racism and Xenophobia Resources

List of incidents of xenophobia and racism related to the 2019–20 coronavirus pandemic

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_incidents_of_xenophobia_and_racism_related_to_the_2019%E2%80%9320_coronavirus_pandemic

Why Disease and Xenophobia Go Hand in Hand: The increasing speed of international travel enabled epidemics to spread, and made it easier to irrationally blame foreign groups.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2020-03-28/why-disease-and-xenophobia-go-hand-in-hand>

Asian Americans Report Increase in Racism, Xenophobia During Coronavirus Pandemic
<https://www.insideedition.com/asian-americans-report-increase-in-racism-xenophobia-during-coronavirus-pandemic-58790>
[UCC Responds to Coronavirus](#)

Column: 'It's just too much': Asian Americans confront xenophobia, economic devastation and the coronavirus
<https://news.yahoo.com/just-too-much-asian-americans-100045298.html>

Surging anti-Asian hate crimes being tracked during coronavirus pandemic: "Things are getting very physical"
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/coronavirus-pandemic-anti-asian-hate-crimes-tracking/>

Stand Against Hate – Asian/Asian American Stories
<https://www.standagainsthared.org/stories>

Hate Magnified Report
<https://hatemagnified.org/> <https://hatemagnified.org/CAH-hatemagnified2019.pdf>

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.” Psalm 19:14

“We have to join together to fight this virus effectively. Now is not the time to be torn apart by hatred”

Many Americans won’t get coronavirus checks. Here’s a look at who is ineligible.

The list of those left out includes most college kids, immigrants without Social Security numbers and some disabled adults.

Read in NBC News: <https://apple.news/A1vJCnPymR8qpCFTMuqmxPw>

How The COVID-19 Pandemic Exposes America’s Discriminatory Health And Food Provision Systems
Food security is often treated as a niche issue, an individual concern or a matter for charity.
<https://blavity.com/how-the-pandemic-exposes-americas-discriminatory-health-and-food-provision-systems?category1=opinion>

Xenophobia 'Is A Pre-Existing Condition.' How Harmful Stereotypes and Racism are Spreading Around the Coronavirus
<https://time.com/5775716/xenophobia-racism-stereotypes-coronavirus/>

“Enacting trauma on our neighbors has a social cost. Violating our neighbors with hate messages, racism, and white supremacy, sexual assault and violence, and domestic terrorism are violations against God. Individuals who believe in and support anti-black, Latinx, Native American, and LGBTQ agendas cannot claim Christianity as their faith and Jesus Christ as their Savior. *How long Lord will we traumatize our neighbors?*”

Millions in US at risk of 'water shutoffs' amid layoffs triggered by pandemic
https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/apr/06/millions-us-at-risk-losing-running-water-amid-layoffs-triggered-coronavirus-pandemic?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

As Coronavirus Spreads, So Does Xenophobia and Anti-Asian Racism
<https://time.com/5797836/coronavirus-racism-stereotypes-attacks/>

The Science Of Why Coronavirus Exposes Racism And Xenophobia

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/marshallshepherd/2020/02/28/the-science-of-why-coronavirus-exposes-racism-and-xenophobia/#34c16f1b3695>

The Other Problematic Outbreak: As the coronavirus spreads across the globe, so too does racism.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2020/03/coronavirus-covid19-xenophobia-racism/607816/>

As The Corona Virus Spreads, So Does Racism: Both Against and Within Asian Communities

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/sarahkim/2020/01/30/coronavirus-racism-asian-communities/#51a8319e2865>

Coronavirus Compounds Inequality and Endangers Communities of Color

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/race/news/2020/03/27/482337/coronavirus-compounds-inequality-endangers-communities-color/>

The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference Taking COVID- 19 Action Resources

<http://sdpconference.info/sdpc-resources-for-coronavirus/>

Let us arm ourselves with the information we need to share with our churches and our communities, realizing and actualizing the reality that we, with faith in action and sound judgment, along with the “*God of our weary years [and the] God of our silent tears ... who has brought us thus far on the way*”, is now and always has been our first line of defense and protection. Let us go forth as a people of faith and a community of faith “engaging the powers” for our health, healing and wholeness.

Ubuntu! We are because you are! (Rev. Dr. Janaé Moore)

For the most trusted and up to date information, visit The World Health Organization or The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES

The United Church of Christ Racial Justice Ministries develops and provides resources for congregations to acquire knowledge and skills in intersectional racial justice advocacy. Christians are invited to:

- **Educate** others to speak up when people are assaulted verbally and physically
- **Advocate** for and with historically oppressed and underrepresented communities
- **Strategize** and organize to eradicate hate speech and shut down white nationalism threats
- **Engage** in direct nonviolent social actions to correct and eliminate racist policies and behaviors
- **Respond** and assist families experiencing terrorism and militarized police violence
- **Learn** and teach from culture-centered biblical and theological resources
- **Develop** meaningful relationships across interfaith and ecumenical traditions
- **Restructure** capitalism and create more equitable systems of economic access and sustainability
- **Resist** patriarchy at all cost and create models of equitable leadership across all gender identities
- **Eradicate** constructed race categories within the Christian Church and society
- **Dismantle** economic systems of inequality
- **Restore** God’s human family—equally valuing all identities and people groups

STOP THE HATE – UCC RACIAL JUSTICE, FAITHINFO & IMMIGRATION RIGHTS RESOURCES

*Do not cause your neighbors harm. When you encounter your neighbors do not assault, insult, dehumanize, stereotype, and/or make accusations—verbal and/or physical. Our neighbors may represent or originate from other countries or continents, they may speak multiple languages, and worship God differently, but we are to treat our neighbors with respect and compassion. Love them as you love yourselves. Remember we are living on land that belonged to an ancient and proud people, Native North American Tribes. Respect the land, and respect and love your neighbors.
I am the Lord your God” Leviticus Remix 19:33, 34*



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