

The Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

THE PURPOSE of this Society shall be to encourage men to respond positively to God's call for unity in the Church. The unity of God with man, and man with man, is made by God in Baptism and Holy Communion. We commit ourselves to establish total participation in the Church for all persons without regard to race, class, or national origin; to give mutual support to all who act in this ministry of reconciliation; and to express this concern at parish levels and in a more creative witness throughout the community at large.

IN FAITHFULNESS to Jesus Christ, Who values all men equally, and Who prayed that all might be One in Him, and in understanding of the essential unity of the Church, the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity affirms the unity in His Body of all persons without any distinction as to race, color, national origin or class. In accord with the councils of the Church, we affirm that any form of segregation or separation based on such distinctions in either the Church or the general community is contrary to the will of Christ and must be resisted by His Church and its members.

WE CONFESS OUR FAILURE to seek steadfastly this unity of persons and we penitently admit to prejudices which may separate us from brothers. Praying daily that the Church may be rid of all divisions based on race, color, national origin or class, and that a more just social order be established, the members of the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity will work toward this end within the Church and their communities as they are individually and corporately able. They constitute this Society as a sign of their commitment and as a means of resource to the Church, and they invite other Churchmen to join them in its objectives, which are to seek:

1. A recognition that our responsibility lies with all persons in a given geographical area and is concerned with drawing these persons

into full fellowship through Baptism and Holy Communion within that one parish unit.

2. Mutual support amongst this society for all clergy and laity who, in seeking total participation in parish life for all, find themselves at odds with accepted social mores.

3. Increased acceptance and implementation of the principle that the Church is an inclusive fellowship which seeks out and welcomes all persons into the worship and parish life of any congregation without distinction as to race, color, national origin or class.

4. Elimination of criteria based on race, color, national origin or class for applicants to Church camps, conferences, schools, colleges, hospitals, or other institutions or agencies which the Church may operate or sponsor in any way.

5. Understanding of the prophetic role of the Church, both through corporate and individual effort, in seeking the elimination of racial and other prejudicial barriers in society, whether these be erected by governmental process or through custom.

6. That condition of harmony among peoples which is the benefit of a mutual recognition of the Lordship of Jesus Christ, so that brothers may dwell together in unity and see Him so lifted up that He will draw all men unto Him.

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DATE

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NAME

ADDRESS

Being a member of the Episcopal Church and in agreement with the principles of the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity as set forth in its Statement of Purpose, I hereby submit my application for membership in the Society and enclose payment of \$3.00 dues.

PARISH

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DUES:

\$3.00 per person

Checks payable to: ESCRU or Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity. Additional contributions for support of the Society will be gratefully received.

SIGNATURE

AMOUNT

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ESCRU ARE TAX EXEMPT

Behold,
how good and joyful
a thing it is
for brethren
to dwell together
in unity!

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