

Racial Justice Statement

We the faith community of Lake Nokomis Lutheran, believe that everyone is a beloved child of God. We renew our baptismal covenant to strive for justice for all of God's children. We confess that our cultural bias blocks us from recognizing racial injustice, and that our fear slows our work towards racial equity. We believe that we must identify the inequalities that are embedded in our judicial, educational, economic and political systems. We also must be resolved to change them, even if it means losing unearned privileges.

We accept God's call to affirm and celebrate the diversity found in God's children. We pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us in our continuing work as we listen and engage in conversation challenging the deep roots of racism. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will be respectful and keep people engaged so that each of our stories may be heard and lead us to a true change of heart.

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8b (NRSV)

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