

# Growing Our Intercultural Witness

Missional Leadership Team

After this I looked,  
and there was a great multitude that no one could count,  
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,  
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, . . .  
They cried out in a loud voice, saying,  
“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”  
Revelation 7:9-10

Because -

We are a community of congregations  
Centered on Jesus  
Guided by the Holy Spirit  
Acting through Grace, Love and Peace  
Engaging the world God loves.

We as a *community of congregations* commit to the long-haul work of *engaging* each other justly across cultural differences and confronting White supremacy, for the sake of God’s peace and right relationships in our churches, our neighborhoods and beyond.

We as a community *centered on Jesus*, the Lamb whose love knows no barriers, commit our hearts and minds to undoing walls of racial and cultural privilege for the sake of God’s transforming work in our conference leadership, structures and life together.

We as a community *guided by the Holy Spirit* commit to letting go of personal and collective passivity in the face of racialized violence and cultural exclusion, for the sake of a more powerful and faithful witness to God’s good news.

We as a community *acting through grace, love and peace* commit to being the salt of justice and the yeast of redemption as we engage *the world God loves* for the sake of God’s salvation and new creation, where persons of every tribe and tongue are loved, welcomed and gathered in.

## Areas of Focus For Growing Our Intercultural Witness

- Focus Area 1: Ongoing Listening and Learning
- Focus Area 2: Restructuring for Change
- Focus Area 3: Education for Transformation
- Focus Area 4: Building and Supporting Capacity of Conference and Congregations