

RS-215 - ANTI-RACISM

(Submitted by the Board of Ordained Ministry)
(Adopted as amended, Friday Afternoon, June 8, 2007)

WHEREAS the threats made against Hailani Chan Williams, our United Methodist Pastor serving in Middleboro, MA, and his family, are racist,

And WHEREAS racism is an affront to God and contradicts Scripture, the wisdom of religious traditions, and all that we hold sacred,

And whereas the Board of Ordained Ministry has made a strong commitment to anti-racism and takes seriously the Gospel call to combat racism; we reject this form of evil as it presents itself,

And WHEREAS, we can't be passive and anti-racist at the same time; if you aren't actively resisting racism, we are part of the problem,

And WHEREAS, racism will surface and interact with other systemic evils within our churches and institutions of the world causing even greater injustice and harm,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Ordained Ministry reaffirms our commitment to anti-racism and calls upon all members of the New England Annual Conference and the greater United Methodist Church to pray, study, and take faithful action because racial injustice demeans human beings.

The above resolution was unanimously accepted by the New England Conference Board of Ordained Ministry at their meeting on February 10, 2007 and we present it to the 2007 New England Annual Conference for its adoption.