

SCBC statement on Racism

In view of the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Aubery, Breonna Taylor, and others that brings to light the systemic racism that is in our society and a reality around the world, we are deeply heartbroken and horrified by the violence, injustice and inequality displayed.

We, as Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church, lament with those who are suffering from racism.

1. **We condemn systemic racism and all its forms and the pain and destruction it has caused.** We believe and affirm that God, who is the Creator of all people of all races, made them in his own image. We know that God himself is heartbroken and He hears the cries of the oppressed and those who advocate for peace and justice.
2. **We recognize the pervasiveness of sin and that the world is a broken place, filled with broken people and falls far short of God's intended purposes for humanity and his creation.** The only way to amend this brokenness is through the saving grace of Jesus our saviour.
3. **We join in our support with many today, by taking a stand against actions that hurt the vulnerable because of Race and Nationality.** We believe that Jesus will be the ultimate judge to deliver justice. We can claim the hope in Christ that conquered all sin and death, has the power to heal souls and transform lives.
4. **We commit to compassionately stand and listen to those oppressed with respect.** We pray for those in power to govern with fairness and provide peace in the society. We pray for those in pain to be comforted by the hope from Jesus Christ. We are committed to love and support more with action. We desire to see restored communities, healing, and equality for all.

We are reminded by the words of the prophet Micah, that being active in mercy and justice by walking humbly with God is what he demands of us (Micah 6:8). We are also moved to love because God first loved us and that to love God is to love our brothers and sisters (1 John 4:19-21), all who are made in God's image.

May we, Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church, embrace the true meaning of genuine racial reconciliation as a united family in the redemptive and selfless love of Jesus who died and resurrected in order to conquer death and evil.

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士嘉堡華人浸信會有關種族歧視聲明

鑒於 George Floyd, Ahmaud Aubery, Breonna Taylor 等人的慘死而顯出我們社會中廣泛的種族歧視，也同時浮現於整個世界。我們對此等暴力、不公義和不平等深感傷痛和震驚。

我們(士嘉堡華人浸信會)與那些在種族歧視中受苦難的人一同哀傷。

1. 我們譴責廣泛性種族歧視及一切類似形式或行為，及其引致的痛苦和破壞。
我們相信及確認神是所有族裔的創造者，是以祂的形象樣式創造人類。我們知道神垂聽那些受壓迫者與及呼求和平公義者的呼聲，而使祂的心傷痛。
2. 我們認識到這世界是個破碎、罪惡泛濫的地方，充滿了破碎的人，與神起初創造人類的目的相差甚遠。
唯一可以修補這些破碎的是透過我們的救主耶穌基督的救贖恩典。
3. 我們今天加入並持定立場，反對引至種族或國籍而受傷害弱勢社群的行動。
我們相信耶穌基督會伸張公義，作出終極的審判。我們的盼望是因祂已勝過罪惡與死亡的權勢，能醫治心靈創傷和改變生命。
4. 我們承諾以憐恤的立場及以尊重的態度去聆聽那些被欺壓者。
我們為當權者祈禱以公義執政，並為社會帶來和平。我們祈求從耶穌基督而來的盼望，使那些傷痛的人得安慰。我們承諾以行動去愛和支持更多的人。我們渴望看到社區得修復和人人平等。

先知彌迦的話提醒我們，要行公義，好憐憫及謙卑地與神同行，是祂對我們的要求（彌迦書 6:8）。我們付出愛，因為神先愛我們；去愛神也當愛我們的弟兄姊妹（約翰壹書 4：19-21），也因為我們都是以神的形象樣式被造的。

願我們士嘉堡華人浸信會，擁抱種族和諧的真意義，就是透過耶穌基督的救贖和無私的愛，讓真正的種族復和合一。

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