

ISSUE ONE-PAGER: RACIAL JUSTICE

The UCC on Racial Justice:

- The United Church of Christ remains committed to being an anti-racist church and supports equal access for communities of color to vote without restrictions
- During General Synod 23 an addendum was added to 1993 Pronouncement calling the UCC to become a Multiracial, Multicultural Church. The addendum called the UCC to also become an "Anti-Racist" denomination. In doing so, we encourage all Conferences and Associations and local churches of the UCC to adopt anti-racism mandates, including policy that encourages anti-racism programs for all UCC staff and volunteers.
- When a church claims boldly "Black Lives Matter" at this moment, it chooses to show up intentionally against all given societal values of supremacy and superiority or common-sense complacency. By insisting on the intrinsic worth of all human beings, Jesus models for us how God loves justly, and how his disciples can love publicly in a world of inequality. We live out the love of God justly by publicly saying #BlackLivesMatter.

Take Action:

- Fight Voter Suppression Laws: Contact the American Civil Liberties Union: www.aclu.org/issues/voting-rights/fighting-voter-suppression
- Report Acts of Racism, Extremism, and Violence: <https://www.splcenter.org/>
- Know your rights. Contact Equal Justice Under the Law www.equaljusticeunderlaw.org



Questions for your candidates

- What actions can citizens take to reverse Stand Your Ground laws?
- How do we restore voting rights for all citizens and prevent gerrymandering?
- What safety measures are in place to guarantee communities of color have equal access to register and vote?