



United Methodist Men

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Resolution

The leadership of the SEJ UMM, which includes elected officers and Conference Presidents, embraces Racial Healing Circles (RHC) as a vital element in our commitment to dismantling racism and, as followers of Jesus Christ, are devoted to making disciples of *all nations* for the transformation of the world, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Too many times, apathy serves as a diversion to roads that could lead to racial healing. Too often we pledge to turn our faith into action, but fail to do so. “...*Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*” James 2:17. In accordance with paragraph 217 of the Book of Discipline we covenant together to accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression. People of faith are called to attend to the wounds of racism with both prayer and action—to move out of pain to healing by transforming the systems that perpetuate injustice.

Nearly all of our leadership is now trained as RHC facilitators and we will continue to train and equip them to conduct RHCs throughout our SEJ faith communities. We strongly urge all of our men to speak out and stand up for unity, justice, diversity, equity and inclusion and to employ Healing Circles to begin the dialog necessary to address the inhumanity of racism.

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