



Our hearts are broken by the events that have most recently. As a church family that values diversity and that is, “Passionate for Jesus and Loving to ALL,” we stand in full opposition to any form of racism and inequality. And as we have seen this played out by the recent deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery, we not only stand, arm-in-arm, with those that are hurting, but we kneel in prayer for God’s leading in how to change our nation into a reflection of Heaven.

While a statement offers condolence and comfort of an organization’s stance, it is action that brings about change and makes a difference. Because the Marietta Seventh-day Adventist Church believes that the gospel message compels us to be different, and because we believe the words of Paul when he writes in Galatians 3:28, *“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus,”* we want to make a difference in our church, in our city, in our community and in our country. With this in mind, we are endeavoring to do the following:

1. Make racial injustice an integral component of our church prayer life—both personally and corporately.
2. Build positive relationships with local law enforcement and community leaders to address issues of racial injustice in our community.
3. Be active facilitators in the ongoing conversation by being a place of refuge for people of all cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds.

God has blessed our church with a wonderful church family full diversity, and it is our desire to honor this gift by showing God’s love to each other and to our community.

We invite you to join us in praying for ways and opportunities to make a change, to be different, and to grow into the beautifully diverse picture of the family of God.

Marietta SDA Church