



*Promoting global health and wholeness from a Christian perspective.*

## **Racial Justice: A Global Health Priority and a Call to Local Action**

Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH) joins the global community in insisting that we respect all people regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, and orientation. We are compelled as followers of Christ Jesus to love all and treat all people with dignity.

We condemn every occurrence of racial and ethnic division. This is a global plague that destroys families and communities. We all harbor biases, conscious or unconscious, against others that we must work to overcome.

Our commandment is clear. The Bible instructs *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”* Luke 10:27

Clearly, racial prejudice, hatred and discrimination are sinful. They are also a global health concern. Division, hatred and prejudice limits flourishing and deprives people of the ability to earn a living, and raise a family without fear. It blocks people from seeking or receiving services they need. Left unchecked, racism and ethnic division ultimately lead to genocide.

CCIH's mission is to mobilize our network to promote health and wholeness from a Christian perspective. Here are two practical things we will do:

1. We will ensure that we are thoughtful and creative about enjoying the diversity that comes from our Creator, in our policies and practices, in our programs and projects, and in our people and personality.
2. We ask all our members and stakeholders everywhere, to assess your own attitude and biases, to be honest with yourself and your teams, and to be accountable.

May the love of Christ and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit bring about authentic change.

On behalf of the CCIH team,

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