



"Your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground" Genesis 4:10.

The Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches of Latin America (AIPRAL) expresses its pain and anger for the murder of George Floyd. This is not an isolated act but a sin that lies in the very structure of our societies, and the time has come to eradicate racism from among us once and for all.

We make as our own the declaration of the World Communion of Reformed Churches and we in Latin America and the Caribbean want to give to our sisters and brothers in the United States our embrace full of affection, prayer and comfort, and the strength through solidarity to transform this injustice.

Racism is not absent in our regions, but is manifested just as brutally against our brothers and sisters who are Afro-descended, indigenous and migrants. Racism, in addition, is not an isolated factor of sin, but is tangled up and is an essential part of economic injustice and hierarchical visions that deny that all human beings were created in the image and likeness of God. (Genesis 1:26-28)

As churches in the Reformed tradition we are called to learn from the experience and vision of our sisters and brothers in South Africa expressed in the Confession of Belhar that our churches be witness of a humanity reconciled by the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As followers of Jesus of Nazareth we condemn all forms of racism and all speech that uses his Gospel of reconciliation to justify it.

As followers of Jesus of Nazareth we walk in solidarity with those who suffer and we stand by actions that lead to an authentic and just reconciliation.

God listens, pained, to the voice of the murdered Abel. God listens, pained, to the voice of his son who cannot breathe. God listens, pained, to the voice of his daughters and his sons who are oppressed by hate and violence.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen." 2 Corinthians 13:14

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