The Daycholah Declaration against White Christian Nationalism Draft 10.25.24

We observe that the church is in crisis.

We are dismayed to see the gross perversion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by using a narrative of fear, manipulation, scarcity, violence, domination and hate as a political means to perpetuate the heresy of White Christian Nationalism.

We confess we have not offered sufficient opportunity to offer a perspective of hope as an alternative to fear.

We confess that this has often led us into exclusive safe spaces, indifference, or frightened silence.

We confess the church's complacency that allowed for perverted versions of the gospel to spread.

We confess the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a living narrative of hope, liberation, abundance, compassion and loving invitation to all people to seek reconciliation with one another.

We honor God's promise of abundance for all.

We offer an invitation to a faith that proclaims a Christ who joins in suffering rather than a Christ who seeks power and domination.

We offer an invitation to faith that proclaims God’s Kingdom is already present, and we are invited to participate in it in all we do and say.

We believe faith spaces must be courageous spaces.

We honor different interpretations of scripture.

We are people of the resurrection, standing with the disciples who were shocked, frightened and devastated.

We proclaim the resurrection as a joyful surprise in times of uncertainty.

We affirm that the Church is salt and light.

We proclaim a gospel that encompasses all people and all of creation.

We affirm that all creation belongs to God.

We affirm our call to be good stewards of our resources for the betterment of the global community.

In response to fear, we proclaim hope.

In response to manipulation, we proclaim liberation.

In response to scarcity, we proclaim abundance.

In response to hate, we proclaim compassion.

We commit to walk humbly towards this vision.

We commit to teaching critical thinking in our communities.

We commit to be counter-cultural.

We commit to find the courage to act out of love instead of fear.

We commit to recognize the belovedness of all people.

We commit to resist and protest dehumanization.

We commit to interfaith dialogue.

We commit to create educational resources.

We commit to breaking down walls between God's people.

We commit to remembering the Source of our faith.

We commit to being good stewards of scripture.

We promise to offer abundant opportunities to experience joy together, learn together, and pray together.

Amen.