August 7, 2020

**Re: Presbyterian Week of Action**

Friends,

Communities of faith and people across the nation are joining the movement to confront the sins of racism and white supremacy, protesting the unlawful and unjust killings of innocent Black individuals and demanding that Black lives of every age, gender, gender identity and sexuality are no longer ignored, dismissed or pushed to the margins of our society.

With all this in mind, we invite you to participate in the [Presbyterian Week of Action, Aug. 24–30](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/bearing-witness-presbyterians-to-host-week-of-action/).

It is an endeavor to provide a public witness that facilitates education, visibility and activity reinforcing our PC(USA) statements and policy supporting the eradication of racism and acknowledging that God loves all Black lives. Those statements include  “[Responding to the Sin of Racism and a Call to Action](https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000727),” from the 224th General Assembly in June.

Enclosed you will find a sample letter\* from the [Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)](https://www.pcusa.org/) that we hope you will consider distributing to your members. At the [Week of Action website](https://www.pcusa.org/weekofaction/), you can find the full [daily schedule of events and ways to share the news, using our digital toolkit](https://www.pcusa.org/weekofaction/). Events will include a town hall, film screening, rally and a day of service to our communities. Keep an eye out for downloadable yard signs that will be available on the site soon.

By coming together as national staff and the greater Church, we hope to provide faithful leadership in the area of justice, love and equality within our denomination and communities.

While we recognize and honor the good work toward justice that has been ongoing in our denomination, we also realize that in this time, it is not enough. Though the Presbyterian Week of Action hopes to meet the immediacy of our current context, it will not be the culmination of our work as a denomination, for we have a long way to go to eradicate systemic racism and white supremacy. It is our hope and prayer that this week will empower us, challenge us and enliven the faith we follow.

In Christ,

The PC(USA) Bearing Witness Team

\*Additional languages will be available via the Toolkit.