

**COLLEGE THEOLOGY SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' STATEMENT ON US  
RACISM  
May 30, 2020**

The College Theology Society (CTS) seeks to stand in solidarity with the victims of systemic racial injustice in the United States. We deplore the long history of police brutality that is a manifestation of individual and institutional racism and white supremacy. We mourn the recent police killings of George Floyd in Minneapolis and Breonna Taylor in Louisville, and the murder of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia. We lament that years of protests, demonstrations, and marches have failed to bring an end to the suffering, dehumanization, oppression, and loss of so many precious lives. We recognize our sacred obligation to work as educators and scholars to inform minds and transform hearts, to address and change cultural patterns and social systems. We commit ourselves to working in our communities, in our profession, and as a Society to dismantle the structures of white supremacy and to build a more just world for all.

We acknowledge that we have a professional and moral responsibility to expose and reform the Christian theology that supports and justifies white supremacy. We confess that white privilege has been operative within the College Theology Society so that we must increase our efforts to become more inclusive of persons of color. The 2021 CTS Annual Convention theme of "The Human in a Dehumanizing World" and the 2022 CTS Annual Convention theme of "Racism and the Church" are among the steps we are taking. We invite suggestions from members for further action items that will enable our Society to fulfill its obligations especially at this critical time in our national life.

On behalf of the College Theology Society,

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