

## **Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church Statement of Inclusion (Version 1.3)**

1. We lament discrimination and prejudice, both corporate and personal, that denies basic human rights or restricts opportunities to flourish.
2. We affirm that every human being is created in the image of God and therefore has equal value and worth.
3. We affirm our belief that discrimination based on race, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status is a rejection of God's intention that we live in unity.
4. We affirm our intention to invite and welcome everyone who comes through our doors to join us in responding to God's invitation to become fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ.
5. We affirm that we are called by God to work for justice and equality and to oppose discrimination in all its forms -- and thus we also affirm our intention to advocate for the needs of those who suffer discrimination in our community, our country and our world.
6. We affirm that God is calling us to reach across the lines of race, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status with respect, grace, understanding and love.

Biblical References: Genesis 1:26; Amos 5:24; Micah 6:8; Luke 4:18-19; Romans 8:28-31; Galatians 3:28-29; Galatians 5:14; 1 Peter 3:15