



## SPECIAL STATEMENT FROM THE PACIFIC CHURCH NETWORK BOARD - 2020

Our sovereign God sees injustice and is grieved. We are right to be grieved as well. He understands the pain that comes from sin. He watched as his Son, Jesus, died, unjustly condemned and executed. Yet through His unjust death a sacrifice was made for us that cleanses, transforms and brings the opportunity for true peace and unity to be established.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us." (Ephesians 2:14) People look for peace, but again the apostle Paul writes, "they don't know where to find peace." (Romans 3:17)

We, followers of Jesus, do know where it can be found. We can point people to lasting peace.

God has called us, the church, to be the agents of true and lasting change. When people put their hope and trust in Jesus, they break the stranglehold of sin in their lives. It is only then that the true power of Jesus can work through us to bring about real redemption and unity.

We thank God for first responders and law enforcement officers who put their lives at risk to help others, and for leaders who boldly cultivate peace, justice and unity. We pray that those in positions to make good changes will do so in a timely and beneficial way.

We acknowledge that there is a moral law to be followed. And in acknowledging a moral law, we acknowledge a Moral Law Giver. That Moral Law Giver is God.

God's people, we, the church - believers and followers of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit - must stand for all that is good and right. We must stand against all racism, prejudice and sin. Our purpose is to share the hope, love, peace and harmony that comes from having a relationship with Jesus, the King of the Universe. Our call is to share the knowledge of that King with the world that so desperately is seeking justice and righteousness. He is the source of the only true love that can enter into the pain and struggle of people searching for answers and transform them.

Pacific Church Network is praying, listening, learning, and above all, following King Jesus, the One who reigns over His multi-ethnic people.