Peacemaking as Mission: Challenging Racism Near and Far

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Bearing witness to the good news of peace in Jesus Christ—peacemaking—is central to the church’s mission, especially today as the world experiences an intensification of racial tensions near and far. Peacemaking as mission strives in the Spirit to reflect nothing less than the shalom of God in social relationships, going beyond the mere absence of conflict to full-on, relational embrace between oppressed and oppressor, victim and victimizer, abused and abuser. What does peacemaking look like in a world that, humanly speaking, is hopelessly divided along racial lines? What principles must be operative for genuine peace to have a chance?

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