

Greetings radical believers, advocates, activists, organizers, preachers, protestors, teachers, artists, scholars, laypersons, students, and joyful worshippers. We are excited to welcome all Movement-Makers to the first edition of the Join the Movement Toward Racial Justice newsletter.

Movements are ignited by people with deep commitments to advancing human and civil rights. Movements are sustained by people of faith rooted in God's love for humanity. Movements create solidarity across cultures, ethnicities, identities, and intersectional ways of being in the world. Movement-makers believe in and work for justice—racial, economic, environmental, reparatory, educational, health, housing—for all.

Movements that create change work because people choose to invest in them. People listen, learn, and lean into the visions that they are casting of a new world and the challenge of creating it. Our hope is that you will invest in Join the Movement in many ways: sharing your stories, deepening your antiracist practices, and becoming a donor. Your donation ensures racial justice initiatives impact local churches within the United Church of Christ. Legacy gifts guarantee generations to come will carry on the work of racial equity, inclusion, and advocacy for people of color within the Christian Church and broader society.

When Jesus summarized the roots of his faith, saying, “You shall love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” he was continuing a movement of radical love that could topple empires, move mountains, and bring a new day. We are called to join that movement with our whole selves, until justice comes.

Rev. Dr. Velda Love
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When love becomes the lens through which we see the world,
racial justice is possible!