Litany of Repentance & Renewal

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Liturgist:

As members together in The United Methodist Church, we have committed to:

**Renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness and reject the evil powers of the world.**

We confess that:

**For too long, we allowed racism to continue through the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church and its residue to continue to perpetuate systemic and institutionalized oppression today.**

We repent of our sin:

**We repent of our complicity and complacency toward the racist structures and actions that continue to cause harm to our black Methodist siblings.**

Today, we lift our voices to commit to:

**Doing the hard work of remembering and repenting of our racist history; acting for the restoration of relationships with one another; and dismantling racism wherever it remains- especially within our lives together.**

*Sing “Lift Every Voice and Sing” verse 1*

As members together in The United Methodist Church, we have committed to:

**Accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression.**

We confess that:

**When we last gathered as a jurisdiction, too few of us spoke up when we saw our siblings’ pain. In our silence, we allowed oppression to continue for all siblings of color.**

Today we lift our voices to commit to:

**Listening and learning; speaking out and standing up for justice. Hearing the roads traveled by our siblings of color down through the years, which look and feel much different than ours.**

*Sing “Lift Every Voice and Sing” verse 2*

Liturgist:

As members together in The United Methodist Church, we have committed to:

**Remain faithful members of Christ’s holy church, and serve as Christ’s representatives in the world;**

We confess:

**Jesus Christ as our Savior, putting our whole trust in his grace, and serving him as our Lord.**

So today, we lift our voices to commit to:

**Living as Jesus’ disciples who love our neighbors as ourselves, and working together for justice for all people, so that our future might look and feel different than our past.**

*Sing “Lift Every Voice and Sing” verse 3.*