



# Restoration House Hamilton

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Dear Restoration House Family,

We are horrified just like the rest of the world at the news of the heartless killing of George Floyd by police officers, as well as the recent deaths of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and many others. These gruesome events have triggered countless of protests, reactions, and discussions about racism worldwide. It has also been a sensitive time for us, as we have reflected upon the discriminatory experiences, we as well as our children and family, have experienced and still experience.

Racism is a matter of the heart and it takes a transformation of mind and surgery of the heart by the Holy Spirit to get it out of one's life. It is more than a physical problem but one that needs divine intervention.

Racism is not of God and has no place in the world.

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

1 John 4:7-11 NIV

Above all, we are called to love one another. The trend of hatred in our world requires our prayers as well as prayers for our leaders more than ever before. We humbly beseech you to pray for our citizens, leaders, policymakers, educators, parents, mentors, coaches and many other leaders that God will use them to do that which is right always and to come up with policies that will stop encouraging racial prejudice.

In dealing with systemic racism, we need to continue having dialogues and conversations about respect for one another, truth and reconciliation, repentance and forgiveness. We should be tolerant, while understanding our differences and be accepting of others, regardless of our race and or colour.

At Restoration House, racism is not and has never been tolerated. We will continually strive to foster an environment where all are welcome, regardless of the factors that make us different, and unique in God's eyes.

Let's resist violence but handle all things with the love of Christ.

Yours in Him,  
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