

## 1989 General Council of the A/G Resolution 20, <u>Racism</u>

- **WHEREAS,** Racism is an issue that continues to confront the church and American society today; and
- WHEREAS, Racism continues to confront our brothers and sisters in other countries; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Bible recognizes that all people are created in God's image (Genesis 1:27; 5:1,2); and
- WHEREAS, The Bible declares that the barriers that separate us from one another have been broken down through Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:26-28, Colossians 3:11); and
- **WHEREAS,** In the Early Church the Holy Spirit confronted divisions along racial lines and brought reconciliation (Acts 6:1-7; 10:1-22); therefore be it
- **RESOLVED**, That the Assemblies of God oppose the sin of racism in any form; and be it further
- **RESOLVED,** That we call any and all to repentance who have participated in the sin of racism through personal thought or action, or through church and social structures, or through inactivity in addressing racism as individuals or as a church; and be it further
- **RESOLVED,** That we pray for God to give us the courage to confront the sin or racism where it may be found in our own lives, in our churches, in our society structures, and in our world; and be it further
- **RESOLVED,** That we participate with the work of the Holy Spirit in actively working against racism at home and abroad, and that we seek the reconciliation of man to God and man to man.