



Our Purpose and Approach

“Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.”

Colossians 3:11 NIV

The purpose of Open Bible Churches Unity Commission is to lovingly encourage and assist Open Bible ministers and, by extension, churches to be sensitized to the continued reality of racial bias and discrimination. We desire to help them become aware of what they might not have otherwise recognized, to look within their own hearts for what they may not have seen, and to look for opportunities to build unity in the body of Christ that both honors and transcends racial and cultural differences. We are not suggesting that Open Bible ministers are racist or even sympathetic toward racism. Rather, we believe all ministerial leaders must be invited and challenged to recognize the continued legacy of racism that scars relationships and communities today and to stand and speak against blatant racism as well as subtle racial and cultural bias and discrimination. Leaders must lead.

- We will be biblically undergirded and committed to serving in and under the love of Jesus.
- We will be convictional in direction and invitational in communication.
- We will seek to please Jesus both in what we desire to achieve and in how we pursue that.
- We will seek transformation of hearts and renewal of minds.
- We will desire as commission members to model what we advocate.
- We will not allow righteous indignation or anger to corrupt Christ-honoring interactions.
- We will not be accusatory in tone or presumption.
- We will not be partisan in orientation.



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