

The Ten (10) Be's To Confronting Racism

The Central Jurisdiction of the all-black conference was created in 1939 - with merger in 1968. The first reunion of the Central Jurisdiction was held 2004 in Atlanta, Georgia which challenged us to practice (10) 'Be's' and they are still relevant to where we are now –

1. Be an activist – in challenging institutional racism, discrimination, and prejudice.
2. Be a teacher – teach and model understanding, tolerance and openness towards members of groups different from our own.
3. Be a student – to be taught that the art of conflict resolution and building bridges to racial reconciliations, which requires listening skills to people whom we disagree.
4. Be a role model- be outspoken about your opposition to racism in your work as ambassadors of racial reconciliation in the church, annual conference, and community.
5. Be an antiracist disciple for Jesus Christ. We must be healed ourselves before we can change and heal the church.
6. Be secure – Know who you are and your identity. Know your strengths and weakness.
7. Be an ally – offering support and speaking out on racial issues.
8. Be a partner – working in the church, conference, and community to build bridges to reduce racism.
9. Be honest – recognizing our own prejudices, biases, and values.
10. Be a disciple – we must work collectively in making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.