

A Public Statement on Racism and Abusive Police Practices offered by the International Students at Africa University

We are thirty-two international students residing in eleven Episcopal Areas across the continent of Africa and we are proud to study at United Methodist related Africa University. We are also actively watching the unfolding of recent events in the United States. We have seen the brutal killing of a Mr. George Floyd and believe he was allowed to be killed by American police officers simply because he is a Black man.

We affirm that racism plagues and hinders our relationship with Christ and one another whether personal or institutional and is unacceptable and must be condemned. Therefore, killing of Mr. George Floyd and other unarmed Black people is antithetical to the gospel itself.

Equally, we are acutely aware that non-violent civilians have also been harmed by the police. Many of us have seen aggressive tactics used against unarmed civilians and we have witnessed the victimization that tribalism like racism ignites as one ethnic group acts superior to another.

We understand that personal racism is manifested through individual expressions, attitudes, and behaviors and that these maintain racist value system which benefit some at the expense of others. We also believe that racism is a craving for the power to dominate by one race over other races and assumes that the dominant race is innately superior to the others.

As young African leaders we are carefully and prayerfully watching what is happening in the United State of America and in the United Methodist Church and we call upon the White community and the church to unlearn patterns of racism and to embrace in the name of Jesus a love for justice, fairness and the undiluted gospel truth and stop racial discrimination and brutality against black women and men.

LIST OF STUDENT WHO SIGNED FOR PETITION AGAINST RACISM JUNE 10, 2020

S/N	NAME	PROGRAMME	NATIONALITY	ANNUAL CONFERENCE
1	Shaleen Namrembo	Bachelor of Divinity	Kenyan	East Africa Episcopal Area
2	Doby Amos	Bachelor of Divinity	Nigerian	Nigerian Episcopal Area
3	Jacques Manrinrakiza	Public Policy and Governance	Burundian	East Africa Episcopal Area
4	Sam Yav	Agriculture and Natural resources	Congolese	South Congo Episcopal Area
5	Ilunga Kyungu Mulongs	Intensive English	Congolese	North Kantanga Episcopal Area

6	Leu Musenge Mutombo	Intensive English	Congolese	Central Congo Episcopal Area
7	Essis Lasmé Mariano	Bachelor of Divinity	Ivorian	Ivory Coast Episcopal Area
8	Nkoya Djayoin Alexander	Bachelor of Divinity	Ivorian	Ivory Coast Episcopal Area
9	Simon Hassan	Medical Laboratory Science	Nigerian	Southern Nigeria Area
10	Stella Eziel	Medical Laboratory Science	Nigerian	Southern Nigeria Area
11	Lami Joseph	Accountancy	Nigerian	Southern Nigeria Area
12	Suyaghasum Sabo Alexander	Social Work	Nigerian	Central Nigeria Area
13	Patrick Nyimoh Kpashi	Medical Laboratory Science	Nigerian	North Eastern Nigeria Area
14	Marlen Mbala	Bachelor of Divinity	Angolan	Angola East Episcopal Area
15	Alverto Nuuama Neto	Business administration	Angolan	West Angola Episcopal Area
16	Desire Mutambari	Agriculture and Natural Resources	Rwandese	East Africa Episcopal Area
17	Filibus Bakari Auta	Bachelor of Divinity	Nigerian	Central Nigeria Episcopal Area
18	Ali Wantimba	Bachelor of Divinity	Ugandan	East Africa Episcopal Area
19	Fiston Okito	Bachelor of Divinity	Congolese	South Congo Episcopal Area
20	Danjuma Barde	Bachelor of Divinity	Nigerian	Northern Nigeria Area
21	Wanniya Ado	Medical Laboratory Science	Nigerian	Northern Nigeria Area
22	John Josiah Mono	Bachelor of Divinity	Nigerian	Northern Nigeria Area

23	Duasala Danjuma	Bachelor of Divinity	Nigerian	Southern Nigeria Area
24	Costa Nicolau Cristovao	Bachelor of Divinity	Angolan	Angola East Episcopal Area
25	Banalya Nathan	Agriculture & Natural Resources	Ugandan	Uganda-South Sudan Area
26	Simbarashe Gwiza	Accountancy	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe East Area
27	Isaac Clinton Sserunjogi	Bachelor of Divinity	Ugandan	Uganda-South Sudan Area
28	Sebastiao Luis Paulo Agostinho	Bachelor of Divinity	Angolan	West Angola Episcopal Area
29	Doreen Mmasa	Social Work	Tanzanian	East Africa Episcopal Area
30	Nadin Kabwita	Bachelor of Divinity	Zambian	South Congo and Zambia Area
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