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A statement from the Elders of Heathmont Presbyterian Church

We affirm the Biblical teaching that all people, regardless of race, colour, language, or nation, are created in the image of God and should be treated as such. No one group is more worthy than others.

Recent events in the United States of America have raised the issue of racism once again. We are saddened by the death of one man, George Floyd, and that it happened in such a terrible and demeaning manner. We are equally saddened that the protests and riots that followed have so negatively impacted businesses and communities.

We also acknowledge that Australian history is not immune from this, and we trust and pray a better way forward will be found. Racism is a stain on the history of humanity, and should be relegated to history; never to reoccur. The Bible offers a hope for a better future when we read –

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.
Revelation 7:9

This is an experience which, we believe, should be reflected today both in and out of the Christian church.

We also recognize that while all people are created in the image of God, all people equally need a Saviour. Jesus is the Light of the world and Jesus is the world's only hope. In regard to racism, we believe that the Gospel of Jesus offers the greatest hope to all humanity.

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