

The Standing Committee of the OPCEMI expresses its full closeness and support to the sister churches in the United States of America that, in these hours, are raising their voices denouncing the barbaric murder of George Floyd, in Minneapolis on the 25th May 2020, occurred in at the hands of a police officer: another crime resulting from racial hatred, prejudice and discrimination.

Whether the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaims the complete equality of every human being in the social context and on the basis of rights, we reaffirm with the power of our faith that in Christ we are one.

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus”.

(Galatians 3:28)

We hereby declare:

- That racism is a sin;
- That all men and women have the same descendance as

“From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth”.

(Acts 17:26)

- that contempt for a human being is contrary to God’s teaching, since

“The only fruitful relationship with men is love, that is, the will to maintain together in communion. God did not despise men, but became man for their sake.”

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Resistance and Yield, Letters and Papers from Prison)

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