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Child Safe Ministry in the PCV – Zero Tolerance of racism

As Christians, the PCV recognises the uniqueness of each child as a person made in the image of God, with unique racial, cultural and linguistic backgrounds, that are safely expressed and lived out within the unity of the Church in Christ Jesus.

Making people welcome and practising hospitality to all (regardless of race, culture and language) is a key biblical value:

- Matthew 25: 42-46
- 1 Timothy 5:10
- Titus 1:8
- 1 Peter 4:9
- Romans 12:13
- Hebrews 13:2
- Galatians 6:10
- Exodus 22:21
- Exodus 23:9
- Leviticus 19:33-34

Racism towards children is unbiblical, sinful and will not be tolerated in the PCV.

- In Galatians 3:28 we are told that regardless of race, *“all are one in Christ Jesus”*.
- In Colossians 3:11-15 the Bible says, *“Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”*
- Romans 15:7 says, *“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”*

The PCV is committed to address any instances of racism towards children with appropriate consequences and will consider and respond to each instance with seriousness and gravity. Complaints of racism against children under 18 are to be made to the Session of each church or the Safe Church Unit.