



Stand Against Racism

PLEDGE AGAINST RACISM **Long Version¹**

I take this pledge,

Fully aware that the struggle to overcome and eliminate racism will not end with a mere pledge, but calls for an ongoing transformation within myself and society:

I pledge

- to look deeply and continuously in my heart and in my mind to identify all signs and vestiges of racism;
- to rebuke the use of language and behavior towards others, born of such racism;
- to root out such racism in my daily life and in my encounters with persons I know and with strangers I do not know; and
- to expand my consciousness to be more aware and sensitive to my use of overt and subtle expressions of racism and racial stereotypes;

I pledge

- to challenge any expression of racism in my presence by my family, my children, my friends, my co-workers and those I

encounter; and

- not to patronize companies known to engage in racial discrimination and the perpetration of racial stereotypes;

I pledge, within my means,

- to support candidates for public service who prominently, openly and enthusiastically promote racial equality in all aspects of human affairs; and
- to actively support the YWCA, as well as other organizations working to eradicate racism from our society.

I commit myself

- to Stand Against Racism and discrimination of any kind; and
- to a lifetime of promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all people in my community and in the world.

ⁱ Adapted from the “Pledge to Heal Racism in My Life”, Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace, April 10, 2006.

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