

“ If one part hurts,
every other part is
involved in the hurt,
and in the healing. If
one part flourishes,
every other part enters
into the exuberance.
You are Christ’s body—
that’s who you are! ”

(1 Corinthians 12:26-27, *The Message*)





The Belhar Confession says that the unity we find in Christ must be made visible and active in our lives so that we “together know and bear one another’s burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness . . .” (Belhar Confession, Art. 2).

This Sunday, as we honor the Sanctity of Human Life, we grieve the reality that racism threatens the health and flourishing of moms and babies.

- Because of racism, abortion has disproportionately affected communities of color. In the United States today, a black child

is three times more likely to be aborted than a white child.

- For black, Indigenous, and other women of color in Canada and the U.S., being pregnant and giving birth brings a higher risk of death from complications than for white women in these countries.
- Children in their first year of life face greater health risks for sickness and even death if they are black, Indigenous, or of color. Studies show that these disparities remain true even when class, income, and education are taken into account.
- Every day approximately 830 women die globally from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth.

**Sources can be found at crcna.org/life*

PRAY

Pray for the safety and protection of women and children who are vulnerable to abortion, and of those who face risks during pregnancy and childbirth, particularly people of color.

GIVE

World Renew works around the world to support vulnerable mothers and their babies. To support the programs that are giving new hope where life is precarious, visit worldrenew.net.

ADVOCATE

Legislation can address the root causes of these disparities and can move the U.S. and Canada closer to equity for moms and babies of every race and ethnicity. Sign up to receive action alerts at justice.crcna.org/connect.



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