

- Accompanying letter
- A cry from that heart that calls on people everywhere to listen to God's call
- As a means of deepening the commitment of the PCUSA to dealing with racism and a means of strengthening its unity
- Council on reparations
- Reparations in our theology
- Racism is very much alive in our nations: first nation peoples, African Americans, legal status
- Michael Brown, Eric Gardner, etc.
- Most segregated hour of the week is Sunday at 11 am
- Begins with the a commitment to usinty
- Affirmation of trinity
- Unity must become isible so that world may believe tha separations enmity and hatred between people anf gourp
- God has entrusted the church with the mission of reconciliation
- Reject any doctrine that sanxtions in the name of the gospel the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and colot
- Alan Bosack – forceful on the price they paid
- 2nd Corinthians – 1967
- God is in a sepcual way the God of destitute the poor and the wronged
- The church must therefore stand by people in any form of seufeerein and need
- Reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice.
- The presbyterina church is again facing a critivcal time in its history. We are rent apart by division and schism, we have yet to directionly confromnt and confess the racism that has been a
- It needs to be adopted – but it needs to be lived.
- Empower our stand against racisom and be taken by church wide leadership.
- Belhar is a confession for us fo just such a time as this
- It's not just race...
- The evils of the owrkd eem more prevalent than ever – middle east, racism, division in the PCUS all of this are pulling us apart – or are they bringin us together.
- Me: Marketing often makes broad stroke overarching statements about the possibility of what something might do to make a promise of providential hope for the future.
- Kirkpatrick: we have a tradition that once we achieve major victories we have a tendency to quick:
 - o Auburn affirmation
 - o General Assembly Mobile 1969 – took a strong stand against segregation: fellowship of the concerned. PCUS –
- Not a time to go out of business – a time to get reengaged, not in the legislative effort – being a church committed to live its live in unity and reconciliation
- Belhar, 50 th of 1967; movement toward more inclusiveness – built inot the warmth and youth of this church.
- A hopeful time
- None are more important than the Belhar confession.

