

This is the baptismal reaffirmation litany used at the North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church Covenant Day 2020. This can be used in conversations and services about racism, cultural diversity and institutional injustice.

Renunciation of Sin And Profession of Faith

Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Wedo.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Wedo.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Wedo.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround each other with a community of love and forgiveness, that we may grow in our trust of God and be found faithful in our service to others. We will pray for one another, that we may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Let us pray.

...Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

...He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations,

his glory among all people.

...For you have washed away our sins, and you clothes us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

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