

## Reflecting

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Good Evening All,

"Even when we are wronged by the world there are those who only want to make things right."

The statement is taken from a post on LinkedIn liked by our own Jason Vincent. It resonates with me. Reflecting on our interaction at the most recent Elder's meeting, and in light of the quote, the way I left you all feeling isn't sitting well with me. Please accept my apologies for the way I said what I said. After the Rittenhouse verdict (the most recent confirmation that we live in a racist society) and what I know about how our experiences as racialized people (covertly) follow us into church, I cant sit down and be quiet.

I respectfully ask you to consider these three strategies to move MX forward in valuing diversity, racial diversity specifically:

- CFS Board of Trustees and MX Elders read *Dear White Christian: What Every White Christian Needs to Know About How Black Christians See, Think & Experience Racism in America*, together, completing the assignment by spending time with the book's author. He happens to be white and lives in Missouri. This strategy was discussed with or suggested to Steve Awtrey.
- Inviting Erroll and Rhonda Keller to join MX, work with Jeff in transition as paid Minister to move us toward a multicultural church. This strategy I discussed with Jeff Kryder.
- All Elders and their wives go through the Color of Compromise video/workbook series. Dave and Steve Walker, would you facilitate it?

Thank you all so much for your willingness to "only want to make things right" by considering the three solutions seriously.

Blessings,

Joyce