



DID YOU KNOW?

Racist extremist movements based on ideologies that seek to promote populist, nationalist agendas are spreading in various parts of the world, fueling racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, often targeting migrants and refugees as well as people of African descent.

[<http://www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday/index.shtml>]

New data from Statistics Canada shows country-wide increases in police-reported hate crimes in 2017.

Some facts:

- Hate crimes increased by 47%
- Those targeting Muslims increased by 151%
- Those targeting Black communities increased by 50%
- Those targeting Jewish communities increased by 63%
- The biggest increases were seen in Ontario and Quebec

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF THE CANADIAN ECUMENICAL ANTI-RACISM NETWORK (CEARN) AT

[HTTPS://WWW.COUNILOFCHURCHES.CA/SOCIAL-JUSTICE/UNDOING-RACISM/ANTI-RACISM-NETWORK/](https://www.councilofchurches.ca/social-justice/undoing-racism/anti-racism-network/)

UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

MARCH 21

Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network (CEARN)
→ a network of the Canadian Council of Churches

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DAY

Created as a response to the killing of 69 protesters at a peaceful anti-apartheid demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa in 1960, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has been observed around the world every year on March 21 since 1966

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MARK THE DAY – CHURCH RESOURCES

[Canadian Ecumenical Anti Racism Network \(CEARN\) Resource](#)
[United Church of Canada Resource](#)
[Presbyterian Church in Canada Resource \(2018\)](#)
[Anglican Church of Canada Charter for Racial Justice](#)

TAKE ACTION!

Marking March 21st is an important step in undoing racism in the church, but it is just one step in the journey. Maybe your church has a robust anti-racism strategy, or maybe it hasn't begun the conversation. Feel free to visit the CEARN "[Undoing Racism](#)" page for resources to help you in having a broader and deeper conversation in your denomination and/or church.

To engage more deeply, consider:

- Hosting a workshop
- planning a Bible Study
- Gathering for a film viewing and discussion
- Attending an anti-racism event or rally