



"RACE FROM THE PULPIT"

Preaching about Race on Race Relations Sunday

What?

Challenging all churches in the Charlotte Presbytery to focus on race relations or racism on Race Relations Sunday (January 18, 2009)

- The Sermon
- Follow-up (education / dialogue)

Why?

- Our Presbytery has the largest African American constituency in our denomination
- Today, there are many issues in our society and communities that relate to race; issues where Christians have a calling to respond with love.
 - Schooling, poverty, politics, immigration, ...
- It seems very fitting for each church to explicitly focus on this at least once / year.

How?

- Each church needs to develop their own approach
- Resources will be provided:
 - Sermons (shared and ideas; this could also be a pulpit exchange)
 - Prayer of Confession
 - Education / dialogue materials (e.g. discussion questions)
- We ask for sermons that you are willing to share to be sent to debbie.wilkinson@presbyofcharlotte.org
 - General topics, like: Loving neighbor, Justice, One in Christ
 - Specific topics, like: Individual/Institutional Racism, Issues (e.g. Discrimination, Affirmative Action, "White Privilege")