

In response to Christ and the Church, the mission of The Methodist Home for Children and Youth is to be a model agency that restores childhoods, strengthens families and cultivates a people-building organization.

After nearly 150 years of serving children and families in crisis, The Methodist Home is still committed to our mission by serving those who come to us in need of hope and healing.

Today, we are deeply troubled and heartbroken at the recent events exposing racial injustices within our country and communities. We realize there have been too many years of inequities and systemic racism throughout the history of our nation and we recognize our Black sisters and brothers are hurting and want action now.

As a social services organization, we have learned a lot about trauma and how it can negatively impact individuals, families and future generations. For this reason, we encourage compassion, social responsibility, emotional intelligence, nonviolence, and servant ministry. We strive to actively and honestly live into our faith and values every day and examine our own hearts.

Specifically, we are practicing open communication with our staff members and youth to address racism within our organization. We have initiated facilitated group conversations and online chapel services – inviting seasoned staff members to share their personal experiences with racism to help lead and guide us forward.

We believe Black lives not only matter, but Black lives are valuable and worthy of love and respect. It is our honor to stand with our Black youth, staff and community members of color against racism and discrimination and we vow to continue looking inward as we grow to fully embrace anti-racism, equity and justice for all.