



# College of Bishops

North Central Jurisdiction

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Delegates to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference,

On Thursday November 3, when we are gathered together in session, we will be engaging in conversations about White Supremacy, Christian Nationalism, and hear about the work of our annual conferences in dismantling racism.

In preparation for that time for which we are providing leadership, we would ask that you engage one of the following resources prior to Jurisdictional Conference:

- Watch “White Savior” – it is free on Amazon Prime and is produced by Sparkhouse in Minneapolis
- Listen to NPR broadcast: “Christian Nationalism’s Impact on American Politics” <https://www.npr.org/2022/07/11/1110949385/christian-nationalisms-influence-on-american-politics>. The speakers are Andrew Whitehead, Katherine Stewart and Jemar Tisby.
- Read essays from “Christian Nationalism and the January 6, 2021 Insurrection” a copy of which is have attached. It was referenced on the GBCS webinar on Christian Nationalism

We recognize that some of these resources reference our political landscape. Our work together will not be focused on our nation’s politics, though we will acknowledge that White Supremacy and White Christian Nationalism are having an impact on our politics. Our work together will be focused on how White Supremacy and Christian Nationalism are having an impact on our churches and their ministry. These resources provide helpful information about White Supremacy, Christian Nationalism and racism, their history and their on-going impact.

Respectfully in Christ,

*Bishop Julius C. Trimble and Bishop David A. Bard*