

THE WESLEYAN CHURCH ... “AS IT IS IN HEAVEN”

The Wesleyan Church is committed to intentionally living out the value of multiethnic diversity and racial equality. This is who we are and who we are becoming, rising up to who God has called us to be as Wesleyans. The title “The Wesleyan Church ... as it is in heaven” serves as the “why” and clearly puts this priority as a spiritual, biblical and discipleship issue versus a cultural motivation (Matthew 6:10, Revelation 7:9).

There is a growing gap between the gospel and our cultures. The Gospel Gap requires a Kingdom Force which is multigenerational, multiethnic and multieconomic, women and men, lay and clergy, everywhere to everywhere. We must intentionally mobilize each of these Kingdom Force groups.

This resource serves to measure progress in the area of multiethnic diversity. However challenging, The Wesleyan Church broadly accepts the fact that if continued progress is to be made, evaluation should take place on a regular basis.

Six questions to evaluate:

- 1 Population:** How is our church reaching increasing numbers of people from diverse ethnic and cultural populations?
- 2 Participation:** How is our church regularly creating pathways, events and resources that demonstrate multicultural expressions and engagement?
- 3 Power:** How is our church increasing the multiethnic diversity and racial equality in our leadership positions and structures of authority?
- 4 Purposeful narrative:** How is our church including and celebrating stories of people from diverse ethnic backgrounds?
- 5 Practicing unity:** How is our church standing with and advocating for people of every ethnicity?
- 6 Public square:** How is our church engaging in kingdom action to increase ethnic and racial equality in our community?

Discipleship is living out the Great Commission and the Greatest Commandment. Imagine the day when every Wesleyan church is a transforming presence as disciples make disciples in every ZIP code. Imagine the unity and peace because we humbly prayed and postured ourselves to live on earth as it is in heaven.