

# Questions Against Racism



**At LCI we believe a good question is worth just as much, and often a lot more, than a good answer.**

At Churches Against Racism 2024 we asked you to pose your questions about racial justice in the church to our panel of church leaders. We were blown away by the

thoughtful responses we received, and we wanted to share some of them here for you to mull over. How would you think about these for yourself or your own church context?

What suggestions do you have to convince white folk of the importance of being actively anti-racist and not just not-racist?

How long must Black people continue to fight racism? Should we not now reach a point when white people and their organisations take the lead?

How should we address the economic impact/inequality caused by racism?

Richard Reddie mentioned the fatigue that comes with this work. How can churches support people to minimise burnout?

Churches have many up-to-date policies – however, how do we get people to realise that they need to look within themselves and identify that's where the problem lies?

How does the church intend to have the difficult conversations about its involvement in racist practices i.e slavery, wars? How can the church ensure they are strong enough to influence society to change its racist views?

There appears to be a bit of a taboo when churches are faced with the question of racism in church and society. What practical steps would you suggest to overcome this reluctance?

Much of the resistance to inclusion is due to fear of change. How do we overcome that fear?

How do you broach this with church leaders if they don't see the need?

What are some examples of actions currently by the church against racism? What are some of the plans for the future to continue challenging racism?

What is the cause of the obvious division between Pentecostal, Methodist, Anglican, Catholic, new style churches and African churches? Because I think this needs solving first before we can tackle racism. We need to be in one accord.

Is this something that LCI as a vision wants to take to educational settings? The children are the future.

How does the church write the vision on racial justice and make it clear, and what will the next steps be?

How can churches organise to better sensitise political decision-makers to the reality of eradicating discrimination?

Is it better for a church to be diverse or to reflect the local population?

What is the disconnect between churches engaging with racial justice and the apathy seen from a large number of churches?

Do you think racism will ever go away? (We all have a part to play...)