

Values of CIJR

We believe that God is the source of all justice and reconciliation. (Psalms 45:6, Isaiah 30:18, Corinthians 5:18, Ephesians 2:16)

We affirm that all human beings are created in the Image of God and, as such, have equal value. (Genesis 1:27)

We affirm that all people have a voice and that all people have a story and deserve to be heard. (1 Kings 8:41-43, Psalm 102:17-22, Isaiah 45:22, 51:5, 56:6-7, Ephesians 3:4-6)

We value Biblical truth. (2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12)

We recognise there is no separation between the sacred and the secular and, therefore, value the application of our faith in all areas of our lives. (Zechariah 14:20-21, James 1:22)

We recognise God's redemptive purposes in history and that we are co-labourers with Him in continuing to establish the Kingdom of God. (Galatians 4:4, Matthew 28:18-20)

We recognise that injustices prevail throughout the world. We know God grieves for both the victims and the perpetrators. (Psalm 9:9, 12, 16, Psalm 33:5, Luke 5:32, Genesis 6:5-6, Amos 2:6, 5:1-12, Isaiah 53:12, John 3:16)

We identify God's longing for all of His creation to be reconciled to Himself and for people to be reconciled to one another. (Romans 8:19-23, 2 Corinthians 5:19-20, Isaiah 32:15-20, Psalm 133, Matthew 5:9)

We are committed to pursue God's perspective on justice issues without favouritism, sincerely, humbly. (Romans 2:11, James 2:1, 3:18)

We ask the Lord for courage to examine and address injustices recognising that God wills justice for all. (Proverbs 29:7, Isaiah 42:1-4, Isaiah 59, whole chapter, but especially v. 12-20)

In Christ, all Christians have an obligation and authority to stand for righteousness on a personal and on a community level. Scripture instructs us to defend the rights of others--the poor, the needy, the destitute--those who cannot speak for themselves. (Proverbs 31:8-9, Isaiah 1:17, Isaiah 58:10-12, Micah 6:8)

We believe God has solutions to the injustices of the world. We are convinced He reveals His strategies through Scripture, prayer, consultation, research, and reflection. (Jeremiah 33:1-3, Amos 3:7)

We are committed to networking both inside and outside of YWAM and partnering together with others to find and implement these solutions in a culturally appropriate manner. We seek to communicate in a way that honours and impacts those we need and want to reach. (Romans 12:3, Colossians 3:8-17, 4:5-6)

We commit to be alert to world events and to analyse and understand their implications. We recognise our responsibility to inform and educate ourselves, our mission, and our supporters of these issues. We desire to be a catalyst for action and commit to innovative and creative approaches that lead towards reconciliation. (Ecclesiastes 8:5-6, Isaiah 61:1-4, Jeremiah 6:16, Psalm 9:12, 1Corinthians 1:26-2:5)

We honour all cultures. Therefore, we value a multi-cultural, multi-national approach for understanding and responding to human rights abuses. (Revelation 7:9, Matthew 5:46-47, Acts 15:14-17, Romans 12:17-18, Romans 15:7-9)

We are increasingly aware of hypocrisy in our own lives and recognise our own propensity for allowing injustice. We pray for God's grace for our own transformation without which we have no authority or authenticity. (Isaiah 58:4, 6-7, Amos 5:21-24, Romans 12:1-2, James 3:13-18)

We respect and honour those (both inside and outside of YWAM) who have sacrificed in their stand for justice. We purpose to build on the work of those who have gone before us. (Isaiah 54:17, John 12:24-26, Hebrews 6:12, 1 Peter 3:9-17)

CIJR makes specific reference to

- Lausanne Covenant Articles 5 and 13.
- YWAM Values 2, 4, 10.
- Manila Covenant 4, 6, 7, 18; Also 5, 8, 10.
- Christian Magna Carta 3, 5, 6.
- Oxford Declaration on Christian Faith and Economics.
- UN Declaration of Human Rights, Articles 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 18, 19, 25.