

LOM statement:

“Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM) commits to being an anti-racist association. As followers of Jesus Christ, LOM deeply believes that love and justice are at the core of our mission and ministries. We commit to the constant ongoing work of anti-racism. “We believe unequivocally that Black Lives Matter. We condemn the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and too many others. We stand in solidarity with protestors doing the hard work of love in action. “For LOM, the hard work will include identifying, discussing, and challenging issues of race and color, along with the impacts they have on LOM, its member organizations, its systems, and its people. Admittedly, LOM is a network made up of imperfect organizations and individuals. As such, we acknowledge that racist actions can be conscious/intentional or unconscious/unintentional. We also acknowledge that identifying racism as an issue does not automatically mean those involved in the act are intentionally racist or intending for a negative impact. We commit to identifying and correcting any inequities we discover and developing a better understanding of ourselves during this purposeful process. We resolve to explicitly and publicly affirm anti-racism as an important part of our identity.”