



RACISM

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE, UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
Resolution 85.162

85.162 It was resolved that the Standing Committee:

- (1) Declare its total opposition to all forms of racism on the grounds that it is incompatible with the Christian faith.
- (2) Denounce the campaign to exclude Asian or other people from Australia because of their race.
- (3) Declare its solidarity with Aboriginal and Islander, Pacific, Asian and other ethnic groups in Australia in their struggles for racial equality and decry the fact that groups and individuals have dishonestly played on the fears of people in community and distorted the facts in order to build opposition to land rights for Aborigines and to non-European immigration.
- (4) Commend to members of the Uniting Church the documents 'Racism, Migration and Land Rights' and 'Justice and Love for all Australia' for study and action.
- (5) In recognition of the confusion, fears and resentment existing in the community over the issues of Aboriginal land rights and Asian migration, encourage the Commission for World Mission to continue the process of dialogue with concerned sections of the community.