

The Prophetic Voice of Adventist Healthcare

Adventist Bioethics Conference
AdventHealth University: Orlando, Florida

May 3, 2022

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Following Jesus

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:18-19

“The Man of Galilee loved everyone, especially those looked down upon by the religious leaders of the day. He was a man for all people, welcoming tax collectors, prostitutes, lepers, and assorted sinners. He called all back to their high calling as sons and daughters of the living God; he gave them a sense of belonging.”

William G. Johnsson, *Spectrum*, Dec. 10, 2021

spectrummagazine.org





Health Policies

Ethical Convictions

Let's make health care whole.

We may not sound like a group of health care
systems, but that's what we are.

WHO WE ARE

Health Care for the
Whole Person

Health Care for the Whole Person

At Adventist Health Policy Association, we believe in caring for the body, mind and spirit. We are a coalition of Adventist health care systems united behind supporting the entirety of a person – not just an isolated injury. That's why we're the eighth largest health care system in the country. See how our integrative approach is transforming health care.

[*www.adventisthealthpolicy.org*](http://www.adventisthealthpolicy.org)

ADVENTIST HEALTH POLICY ASSOCIATION

FOUNDED:

- 2010 by Dr. Don Jernigan (then CEO of AdventHealth).

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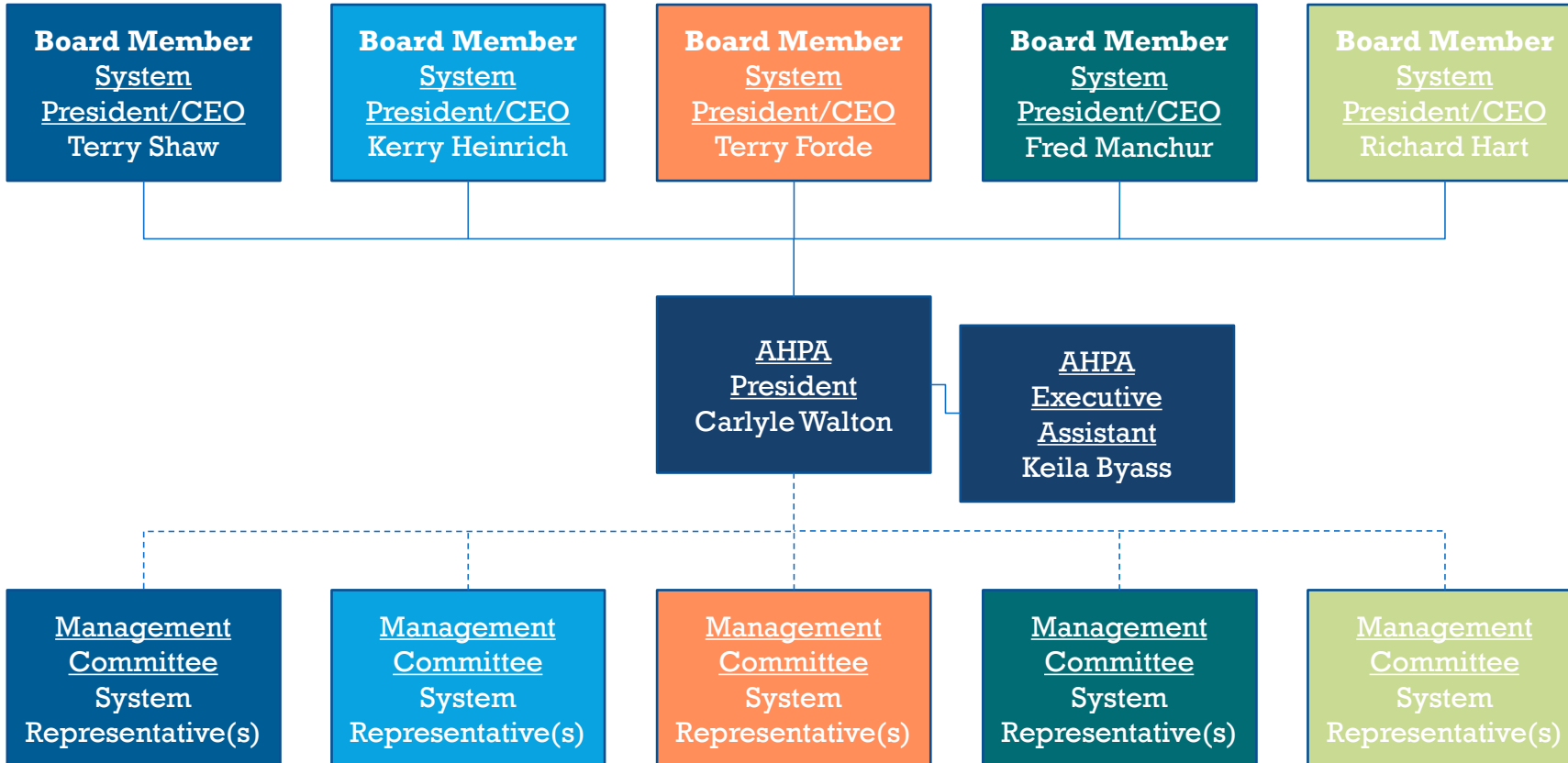
- **“Promoting wholeness to live God’s healing love.”**

PURPOSE:

- To serve as the united policy voice for the five Seventh-day Adventist health systems in the USA.
- To leverage the influence of 96 hospitals and more than 600 affiliated health care facilities across 16 States and the District of Columbia, employing over 150,000 individuals and representing over \$22 Billion of net patient service revenue in 2020.
- Collectively, the largest Protestant health care provider in the USA.



AHPA MEMBER SYSTEMS



FIVE STEPS *to* *HEALTH* *in* AMERICA

A Health Policy Agenda
for the Next President & Congress
of the United States

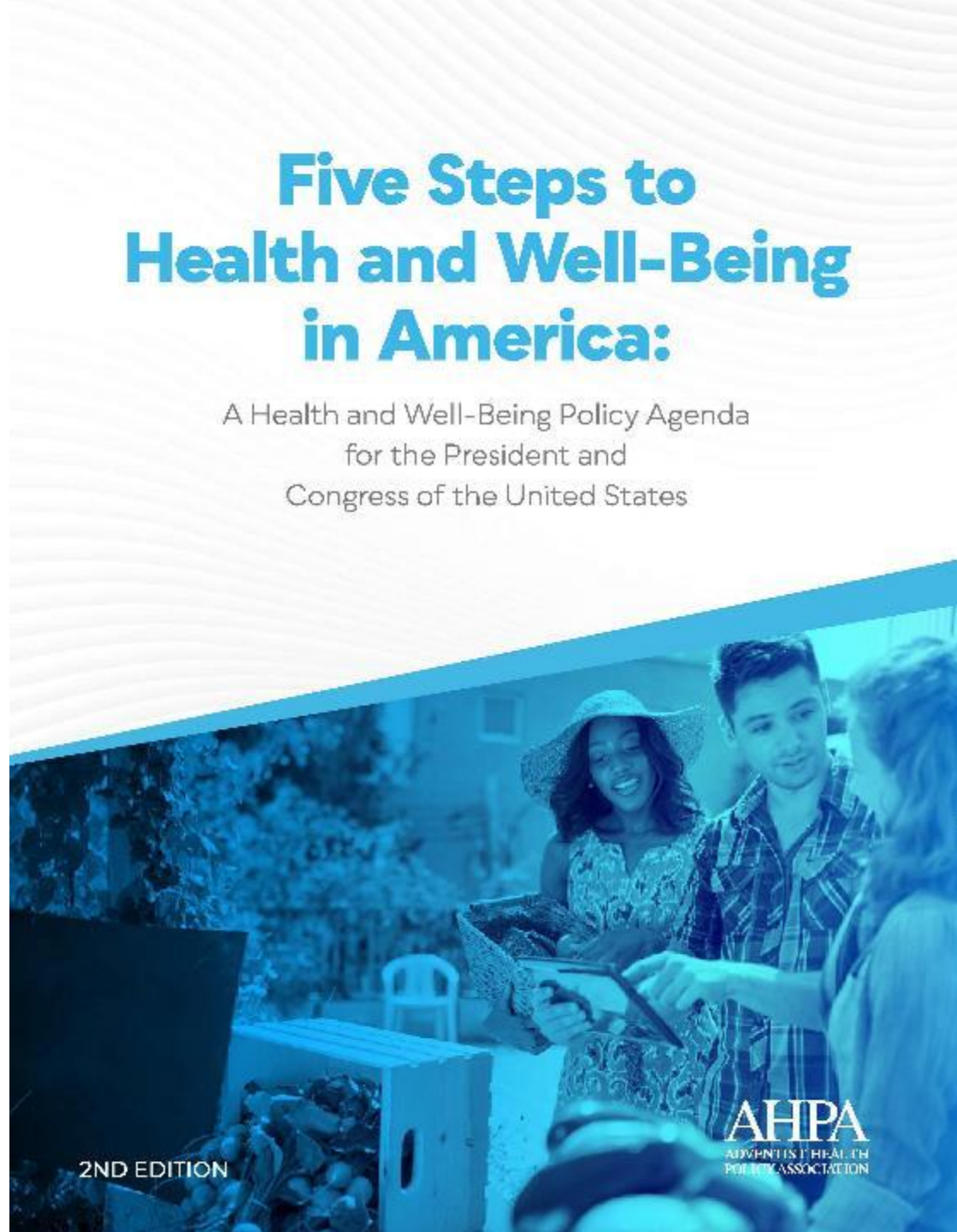
Five Steps to Health and Well-Being in America:

A Health and Well-Being Policy Agenda
for the President and
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FIVE STEPS TO HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN AMERICA



1

Create a National
Well-Being Policy



2

Connect Health
Care to Well-Being



3

Strengthen
the Backbone of
Public Health



4

Invest in and
Prioritize Well-Being
Improvement



5

Prioritize
Determinants of
Health Infrastructure
and Investment

ADVENTIST PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



RESOURCE

Prospectus

The Adventist Bioethics Consortium is an association for hospitals affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist church for the purpose of sharing knowledge, advancing scholarship and enhancing ethical leadership.

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6th Annual
**ADVENTIST BIOETHICS
CONFERENCE**

May 2-3, 2022 — Orlando, Florida

“Clarify ethical
understanding
between the church
and its health systems”



THE ETHICS OF HOPE

A conference for leaders in Adventist health care designed to:

1. Address current issues in clinical ethics
2. Foster a vibrant network of leaders in bioethics
3. Consider theological bases for ethics in Adventist health systems
4. Clarify ethical understanding between the church and its health systems

Why do we need this collaboration now?

YOUR
READING
LIST



Meet Another Religious Health System Restricting Reproductive Care



'Abortion Regret' Shows the Long History of a Favorite Anti-Choice Talking Point



Black Maternal Health Week Shines Spotlight on Black-Led Solutions

Meet Another Religious Health System Restricting Reproductive Care

Jan 30, 2019, 8:40am Amy Littlefield

Seventh-day Adventist Church policy opposes abortion, assisted suicide, and the "homosexual lifestyle," but approves of contraception, sterilization, and in vitro fertilization.



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Rewire.News has reported extensively on the spread of Catholic hospitals, which restrict access to abortion, sterilization, and most contraception, and account for one in six acute-care beds in the United States. But Seventh-day Adventist facilities, which have their own rules on reproductive health care, control a growing swath of the health-care landscape—and their policy arm just opened an office in Washington, D.C.

There are about 90 Adventist hospitals and 350 affiliated provider organizations in the United States, and more than 500 facilities worldwide. These include AdventHealth, the largest nonprofit Protestant health



Growing list of urgent issues...

- LGBTQ+ questions
- Care for transgender patients
- Termination of pregnancy
- Vaccine mandates
- Human embryonic stem cell research
- Assisted human procreation
- Physician assisted suicide

AHPA/ABC Guidelines

adventistbioethics.org

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Principles for Treatment of Transgender Persons (2020)

Statements from the Adventist Health Policy Association developed in collaboration with the Adventist Bioethics Consortium on the treatment of transgender persons in Adventist healthcare institutions.

Health Disparities in America

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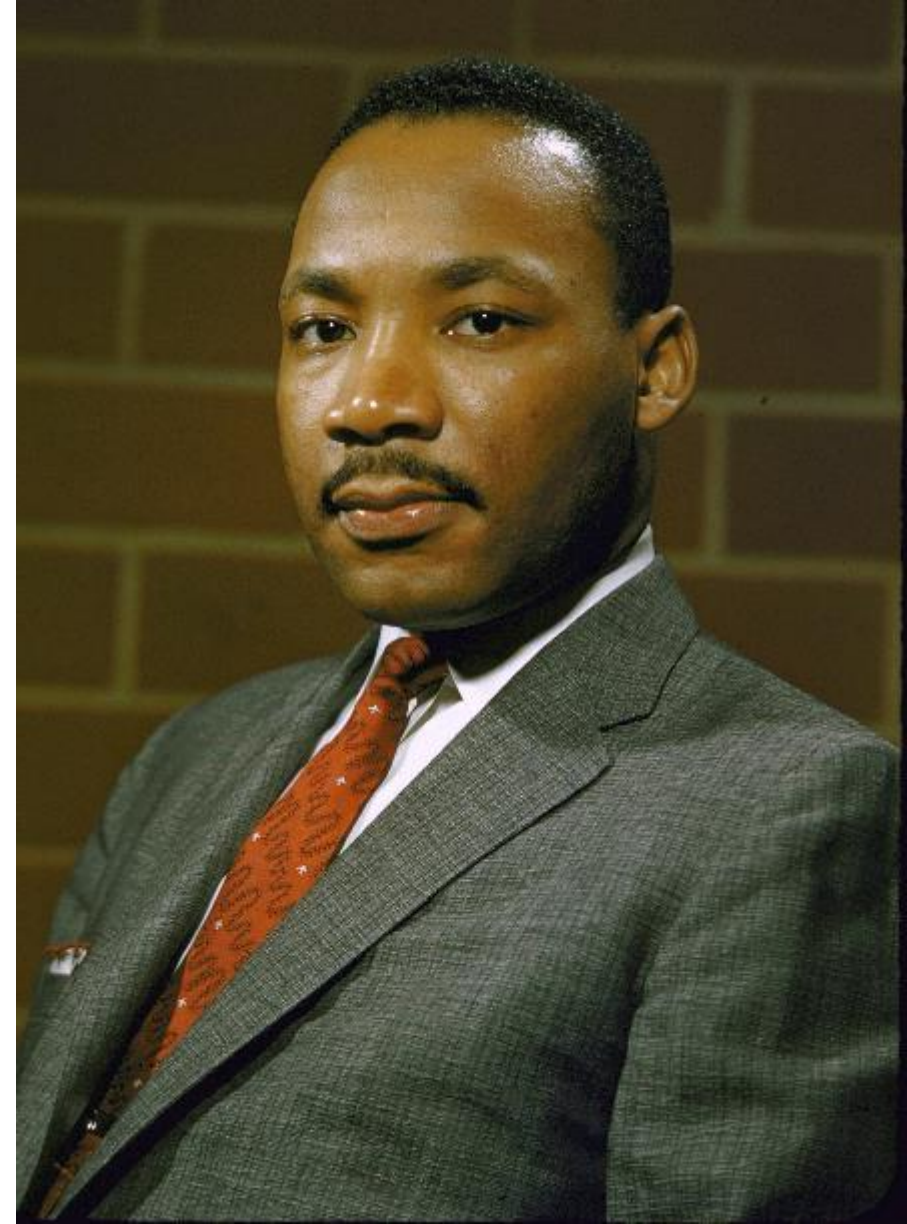
- U.S. Government Accountability Office, posted Sept. 28, 2021
- <https://www.gao.gov/blog/racial-and-ethnic-health-disparities-and-during-pandemic>

- During the pandemic, Black and Latinx persons have been **2.8 times** more likely to be hospitalized
- Black women in rural America are nearly **three times** more likely to die in childbirth
- Black persons are over **twice as likely** to die from diabetes

Memorable words...

“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and the most inhuman because it often results in physical death.”

***Dr. M.L. King
March 25, 1966***



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Health Disparities and Racial Justice

Practical guidance for effective change



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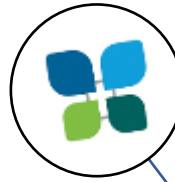
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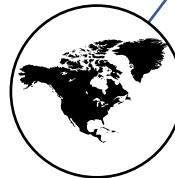
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Three Current Statements



“Diversity, Equity,
and Inclusion”*



“Achieving Health
Equity through
Racial Justice”*



“Respect and
Inclusion for
LGBTQ+ Persons”



“Achieving Health Equity through Racial Justice”

“The faith that motivates Adventist healthcare around the world is founded on the belief that all human beings are created in the image of God and are loved by the Creator. Adventist faith is informed by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and is committed to extending Christ’s ministry in the service of human health. According to this faith, every person has dignity as a child of God and must be given respect and just treatment. This belief in fundamental human equality leads us to embrace the goal of health equity and work to overcome structural racism that results in inequitable health outcomes.”

“Achieving Health Equity through Racial Justice”

Our COMMITMENT is expressed through our GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Collaborate to combat racial injustice
- Establish trust with communities that have experienced injustice
- Advocate for public policies to increase access to care
- Learn from those who have experienced racism
- Modify systems to produce equitable outcomes
- Eliminate racial discrimination in employment practices
- Strengthen a culture of inclusion

Learning to Apologize



Artist Simmie Knox, and Lisa Sweeney-Walker, great, great grandniece of Lucy Byard, unveil the portrait, Dec. 10, 2021.



Lucy Byard was a Black Seventh-day Adventist member who was turned away by the Washington Sanitarium in 1943 because of the color of her skin.

“Respect and Inclusion for LGBTQ+ Persons”

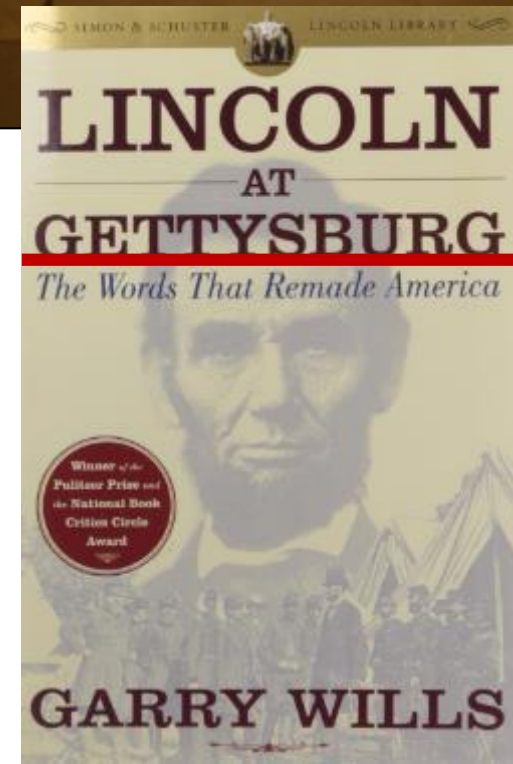
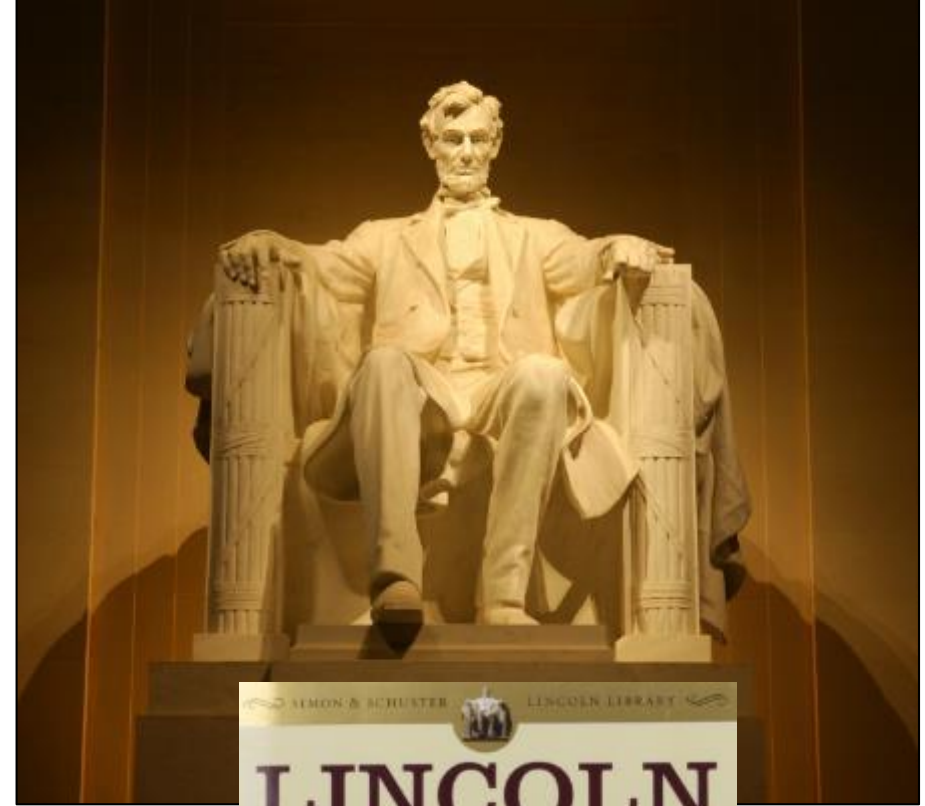
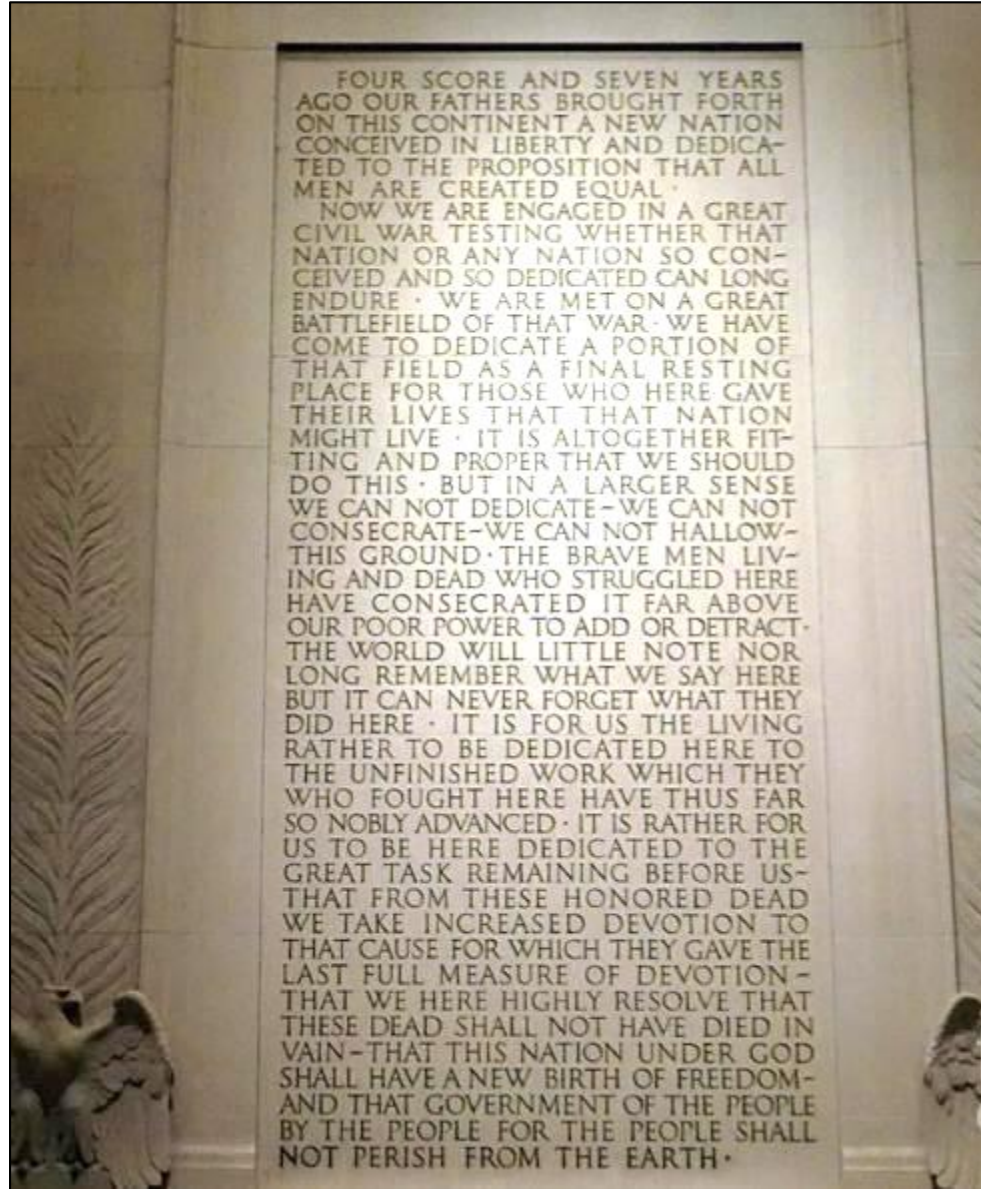
“The mission of the Adventist Health Policy Association is promoting wholeness to live God’s healing love. This mission is achieved through collaborative actions guided by values of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and founded on the biblical principle of justice that requires extra care and concern for those at increased risk of unfair treatment. We affirm that LGBTQ+ persons have the right to receive compassionate medical care that is considerate and respectful, free from unfair discrimination, stigmatization, and stereotyping related to their sex assigned at birth, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.”

“Respect and Inclusion for LGBTQ+ Persons”

Our **COMMITMENT** is expressed through our **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**:

- To be informed by an understanding of the distinctive healthcare needs of LGBTQ+ persons.
- To provide equitable health care for LGBTQ+ patients, including access to affirming behavioral health services that specifically address LGBTQ+ health needs.
- To respect LGBTQ+ patients’ spouses and domestic partners by extending the same courtesies that heterosexual spouses receive, including visitation rights and participation in advance care planning.
- To promote preventative care, such as medication to prevent HIV infection, and other common health care services.
- To choose language that best reflects each patient’s lived experience by seeking guidance from LGBTQ+ individuals about their healthcare needs and when using names, titles, and pronouns.
- To foster health care professionals’ enhanced competencies in addressing the needs of LGBTQ+ populations and increased awareness of the potential impact of personal biases involving the care of LGBTQ+ populations.
- To expand electronic health record capabilities that serve relational needs in patient care.

Just words...?

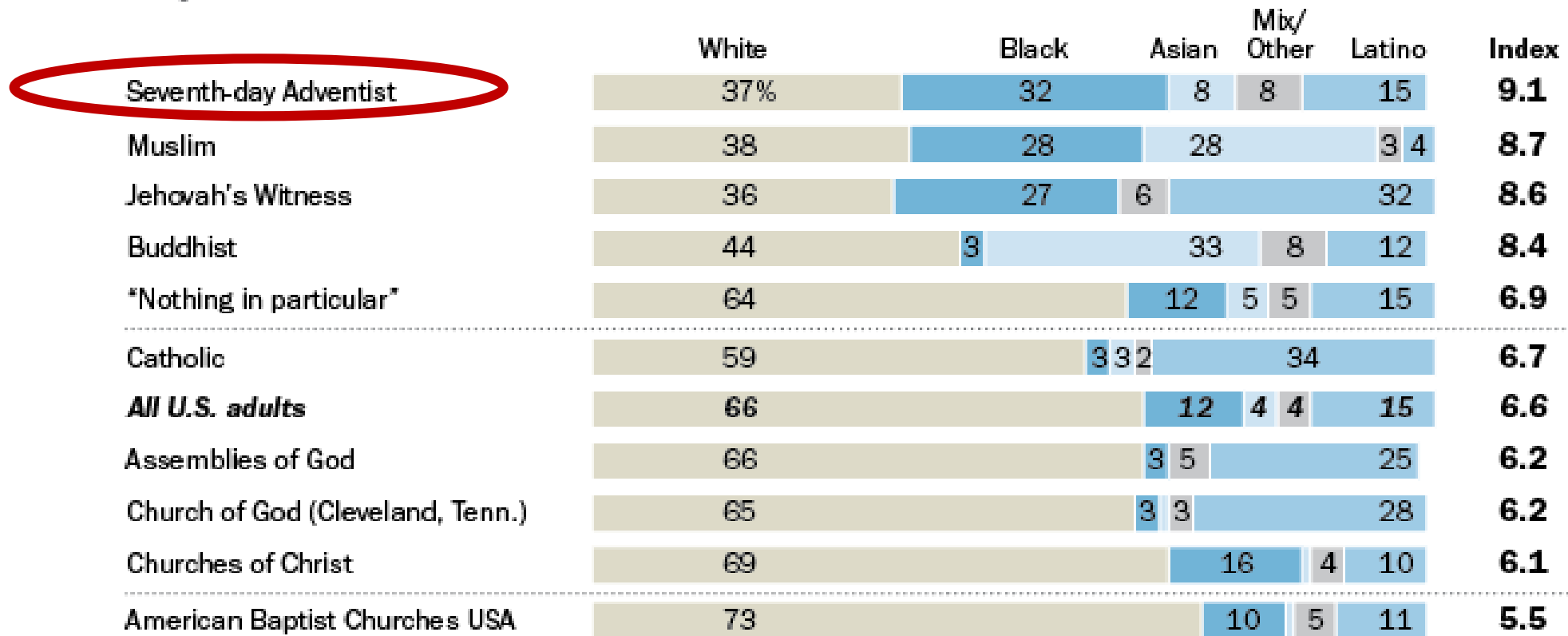


Looking forward...

A Distinctive Adventist Resource

How Racially Diverse Are U.S. Religious Groups?

% of each religious group in each racial/ethnic category, and each group's diversity score on the Herfindahl-Hirschman index



Questions for discussion...

- Should faith-inspired health systems seek to influence public policy based on the systems' distinctive convictions?
- What Adventist convictions about theology and ethics should be most influential in establishing health policy statements reflecting our shared faith?
- If you were setting the priorities for developing principled consensus statements for AHPA, what topics would you turn to next?



“What Does
God Require
of Us?”

Micah 6:8

