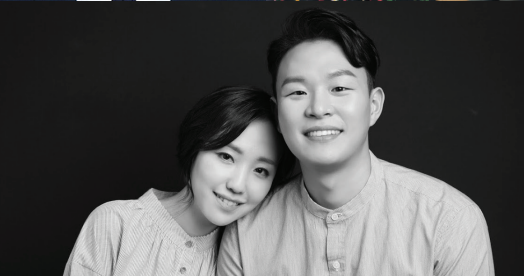




"I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

—John 17:23



ALL NATIONS HERITAGE

OCTOBER 1, 2023

JOHN 17:23

On *All Nations Heritage Sunday* we celebrate both the unity and the diversity of God's people. We reflect God's vision for a colorful creation and a glorious redemption.

The church is the active agent through which God reveals himself, proclaims the good news, and unites all things in Christ. The church will best accomplish its God-given mission when the church understands and lives out a vision that affirms both its unity and diversity in Christ. This oneness is not abstract. It is a visible, tangible unity made real to us by God, embodied by Jesus, and equipped through the work of the Holy Spirit. It is a unity so real that the world comes to know God through it (John 17:23).

However, unity is not uniformity. Unity does not erase differences. *All Nations Heritage Sunday* reminds us that the work of the church is not to make everyone the same. Each of us has a particular ancestry, ethnicity, and culture. Each person and community has unique gifts to share.

ALL NATIONS HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

One of the ways the CRCNA's work in Race Relations is bringing diversity and more of these unique gifts into the denomination is through a special college scholarship fund. The goal of investing in multicultural kingdom leadership is to broaden the church's capacity to testify to God's grace effectively. In fact, the pictures on the front of this handout are of past and present scholarship recipients (and their families).

These scholarships are awarded to various ethnic minorities and members of CRCNA congregations who plan to or are currently pursuing their educational goals at higher learning institutions affiliated with the CRCNA.

Ministry share funding does not go toward these scholarships. **Individual donations and church gifts are the only means to grow this fund and keep this endeavor going.** Please consider giving today!



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