

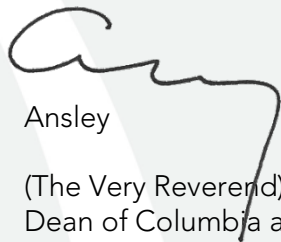
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Many are seeking, from the Church, a 'faithful' word to be spoken into what has been unfolding, first in Minneapolis and now around the world. On our journey toward reconciliation and decolonization we are growing in our awareness of the systemic racism and white supremacy that exists in our country, our communities, our churches, and our selves.

The most recent crimes against humanity, perpetrated on black and indigenous people in the US and Canada by individuals and systems entrusted to protect them, have once again highlighted the need to do better in our efforts. With God's help, we will try.

This will require careful, sensitive, compassionate listening. We must listen—to people of colour in our communities, and all voices speaking wisdom from the margins of society.

This is the work we are committing to, because words are not enough.



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