

On the Threshold of Change

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How the Covenant responded to the Black Manifesto

1. The introduction to this article states, “We are called to be the church in this hour, recognizing that our present will be someone else’s past.” In what ways do you see the church today impacting the church of the next generation?
2. How well did the Covenant do in responding to the Black Manifesto?
3. The Covenant established the “fund for poverty-stricken black Americans,” which eventually became the Fund for Disadvantaged Americans of Minority Groups—what implications did this action have?
4. According to the article, “In the course of two generations, the Covenant moved from seeking to break out of its immigrant enclave to seeking to more fully embrace increasing ethnic diversity.” Where on this spectrum does your church fall today?
5. How do you think the church in America is doing now, 50 years after the Black Manifesto, in terms of racial reconciliation?