

# Session Six

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Read the “families confessions” on page 17 of the Response Document.

## Biblical Reference

“If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9 (NRSV)

## Churches’ Confessions

1. How, concretely, do you understand Dr. King’s call for “an uncompromising stance of solidarity with the oppressed” in our society and world 50 years after the publication of the “Letter from the Birmingham Jail”?

Can you describe a current social justice issue that calls for a “stance of solidarity with the oppressed” in your community and/or ministry context?

2. How do you understand the ways that “systemic racism” functions in our society and in our churches today? What are the policies and practices within your communion that function as barriers to access for people of color?
3. What actions do you believe should be taken – as an individual, your congregation, your communion, and in partnership with other communions— to follow up on the content of the confessions we have made in this statement.

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