

## A Personal Statement from Fiona Boshoff, CEO of Integral Alliance, about Racial Injustice



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In the Imperial War Museum in London, at the end of the Holocaust and Auschwitz exhibition is a quote attributed to Edmund Burke:

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Since the death of George Floyd, the media spotlight has turned to issues of racism and injustice. This gives us the opportunity to do two things – to listen and to speak.

We were given two ears and only one mouth, and I want to use them in that proportion – to listen twice as long as I speak. I commit to listen to those who have experienced racism first hand, and to sit in my discomfort as I hear stories of disgraceful behaviour by people who look like me towards those who don't.

I commit to use my voice to speak out against the injustice and inequality that sadly still exist. Around the world we see this in many forms – people being discriminated against because of their race, religion, creed, gender or nationality, and as Christians we can raise our voices to call this out and name it as wrong. The God we serve is a God of justice and righteousness, who calls us into a Kingdom where there is no Greek or Jew, male or female, slave or free, because we are all one in Christ Jesus.

I want to learn and grow from this. George Floyd's death will not be in vain.

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#### **Integral's Vision**

Christian agencies uniting globally, alleviating suffering and restoring hope, in disasters and beyond.

#### **Integral's Mission**

Integral exists to see God's Kingdom demonstrated by uniting our Members. We champion, encourage and facilitate collaborative working across the Alliance, particularly in disasters.

#### **On Integral Collaboration:**

Integral's goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively.

Integral Members have a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters, with the Integral Disaster Response Process coordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need. The Integral Secretariat plays a coordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

Integral has 22 Members with headquarters in 14 countries. Integral Members work in 90 countries, across 34 sectors, and have a network of over 580 local partners. To watch a short film introducing Integral click [here](#).

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