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It is with deep sorrow, heartache, and only by the sustaining power of our God that the Racial Equity Advocacy Committee (REAC) writes to denounce the murders of six Asian and Asian American women in Atlanta this week. We are sadly all too familiar with the sin and destructiveness of white supremacy, and the unleashing of its terror upon our Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) siblings must end. We stand united with our AAPI siblings against the deadly forces of whiteness and for the unending love of the One in whose image we all were created.

As those who follow the One who calls us to be seekers and doers of justice, we call upon our Presbyterian Church (USA) family to:

- boldly denounce the sins of racism and white supremacy
- seek historical education about and knowledge of the lived realities of AAPI people in the U.S.
- take action with AAPI siblings against racial hatred and violence
- react only with grace and compassion to AAPI siblings' pain

We celebrate the presence and gifts of vast diversity amongst us in our AAPI siblings and repent of our silence and complicity in the racism they've experienced throughout the history of our nation. We commit to standing united in our faith in Jesus Christ against the divisive and violent forces of white supremacy to support and uphold our AAPI siblings.

We call our denomination to renew the discipleship commitments we made in 2016:

“Because of our biblical understanding of who God is and what God intends for humanity, the PC(USA) must stand against, speak against, and work against racism. Antiracist effort is not optional for Christians. It is an essential aspect of Christian discipleship, without which we fail to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.” (p. 4, [Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community](#), 2016).

We pray that disciples across the denomination will join us.