

Road race a call to action

TO THE EDITORS:

I am a native of El Salvador, a country I left when I was a teenager due to the vicious civil war. Throughout my lifetime, I have experienced injustice, unfairness and discrimination. I have had people close doors on my face. I have been denied service at restaurants. People have ignored me, shouted racial slurs, and I even had a shotgun pointed at my face. All of this is because of who I am and what I look like.

Perhaps, you have never experienced what I have, but I hope you understand that racial discrimination is not a thing of the past but it is real today.

As a Christian pastor, I believe that God has placed a claim in our lives, not just for eternal salvation but also for present action.

The prophet Micah (6:8) says, "He has told you, O mankind, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness."

God charges his church in leading the way in eliminating racism and other kinds of injustice. If we are to change our communities and our world, we cannot ignore God's call.

Thus, I invite everyone to join the YWCA in ending racial discrimination by participating in the Race Against Racism on April 30.

Please visit www.ywcalancaster.org or call the YWCA. This can be the beginning of a great movement bringing justice, love and humility to an unjust world.

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