



### **ACSI Statement on “Wokeism”**

Our culture today is being impacted by ideological undercurrents often described as “wokeism.”

ACSI makes a distinction between legitimate, healthy, and biblically informed understandings of diversity and inclusion, and the more secular expressions found in wokeism. Our values and commitment to diversity and inclusion are rooted in two fundamental beliefs:

- Our belief in the value of Christian unity - the historical desire for unity as proclaimed in John 17 (“that they may all be one”)
- Our belief in the dignity of each human person as a unique *individual*. This is starkly different from wokeism, which emphasizes a person’s group identity.

\* [Woke Definition & Meaning - Merriam-Webster](#)