Bethlehem Center is absolute and firm in our stand against racism. Not just for our team, but also for the children and families we serve, the community in which we live and the world as a whole. As educators of young children, we have the responsibility to protect, to teach and to love them. As educators, child advocates, community leaders, parents, sons and daughters, we have a responsibility to be about positive change within our respective communities. We will hold ourselves accountable to act now in order to provide a future in which all children can achieve the fullness of their potential. Bethlehem Center will continue to be an influence of positive change as we have been for the last 80 years.

To the families that have suffered due to ignorance or hatred, we offer our prayers and support. Our hearts ache for your pain and suffering. To the community at large, we call for immediate positive change, which can only be achieved through open communications, education, a willingness to learn and a willingness to accept and love those that are different from ourselves.

The following is my personal view: God calls us to love one another. He does not single out race, origin, gender or political view. One world, all created by God, all equal in his eyes. As CEO of Bethlehem Center, I accept this as the truth and the way. I pledge to continue leading this organization in a way that promotes and protects the rights of all people regardless of race, origin, gender or anything else.

Blessings to all,

William McDonald, CEO