

## **The Impact of Race and Ethnicity on Adventist Multicultural Churches**

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### **Survey Tool: Consent**

**Participation:** Participating in this study is entirely voluntary. You may refuse to take part in the research or exit the survey at any time without penalty. You are free to decline to answer any question you do not wish to answer for any reason.

**Possible Risks:** Participating in this study comes with a low level of risk. Responding to some questions, such as those regarding racism or leaving the church, may trigger negative emotions.

**Confidentiality of Records:** Your privacy is important, and we will seek to ensure your confidentiality. All of the information you share will be stored in computer files secured by a password. Our research team members and research assistant will be the only ones reviewing the data. The information you share will help in guiding further research in this area, but your name and any identifying characteristics will not be disclosed. Ultimately, the goal will be to publish a peer-reviewed article, present at church conferences, and share at professional meetings. Insights will also be used to publish a book for churches undergoing racial and cultural change.

**Contact:** If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact the principal investigator, Dr. Alan Parker, at [parker@southern.edu](mailto:parker@southern.edu) or the graduate research assistant, Tracey-Ann Hutchinson at [thutchinson@southern.edu](mailto:thutchinson@southern.edu).

Southern Adventist University's Institutional Review Board has approved this study. You may inquire further about research participants' rights by contacting Bob Overstreet, Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence at Southern Adventist University, by phone (423-236-2085) or e-mail ([robertoverstreet@southern.edu](mailto:robertoverstreet@southern.edu)).