ITC GALVANIZES METRO-ATLANTA WITH HISTORIC E-RACISM 5K RUN/WALK

(ATLANTA, GA)--- At a time when segregation was the norm, Atlanta’s city leadership underwent a transformation and Atlanta adopted the slogan that it was “The city too busy to hate.” Joining the efforts of clergy, civil rights leaders and citizens during the Civil Rights era, the leaders of the city took giant steps to erase structures of racism and segregation in city government, business and social life.

While these early efforts placed the City of Atlanta on a course to eliminate racism, current conditions in the nation suggest that the journey is far from complete. In an effort to re-invigorate the city in the seemingly endless task of eradicating racism, Atlanta’s Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) will host the first-ever, city-wide “E-Racism 5K Run/Walk” on June 4, 2016, 10 a.m. -Noon.

Participants will embark on the 5K run/walk to make the symbolic statement that the entire metro-Atlanta community remains committed to the mission of completely eliminating racism in all aspects of Atlanta life. “The E-Racism 5K Run/Walk” is an opportunity for people throughout the city to demonstrate the power of solidarity, as together we take steps that move us closer to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream of a ‘Beloved Community,’” said ITC President Edward L. Wheeler.

This historic run/walk is a cross-cultural event which invites all elements of the community that have either experienced or who reject racism’s legitimacy to join the walk. The run/walk will begin at the gates of ITC and start with participants taking the one-year “E-Racism Pledge.” To reflect full community involvement in the symbolic statement against racism, leaders from almost every cross-section of the city have agreed to serve as ambassadors for the event.

Individuals and organizations are invited to join ITC in Atlanta’s first “E-Racism 5K Run/Walk” by registering at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/itcs-inaugural-e-racism-5k-runwalk-tickets-24401341068 or by calling 404-527-7767.
About ITC

Established in 1958, The Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), an Afrocentric, ecumenical consortium of seminaries and fellowships, educates women and men who commit to practice a liberating and transforming spirituality, and become leaders in ministry and service to the church and local/global communities by promoting Christ’s peace, justice and reconciliation.

Its seminaries include the Morehouse School of Religion (Baptist); Gammon Theological Seminary (United Methodist); Turner Theological Seminary (African Methodist Episcopal); Philips School of Theology (Christian Methodist Episcopal); and the Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary (Church of God and Christ). The Selma T. and Harry V. Richardson Ecumenical Fellowship provides theological training to students from various other faith traditions.