



BIAPT is committed to the eradication of all forms of discrimination based on race, gender, sexuality, disability, religion or any other aspect of human identity. As an overwhelmingly white organisation, we are also committed to examining our own practices and biases, including recognising and constructively challenging our *white privilege*. This work goes hand-in-hand with our efforts to increase our ethnic, cultural, religious and other forms of diversity.

BIAPT Committee members are deeply disturbed by recent reactions to the Revd Jarel Robinson-Brown's comments on Twitter (quickly removed and apologised for) which have included racist and homophobic attacks and death threats. BIAPT wishes to stand with Revd Jarel Robinson-Brown in solidarity with our own BAME members and with others in wider society who, themselves, may feel threatened, undermined or attacked as a result of this incident. We know that our members will wish to stand alongside all who are affected by this recent incident and the reactions to it.

As a theological association which seeks to encourage the hard work which results in a deeper understanding of our context and appropriate responses to it, we endeavour to provide a platform for such work, enabling honest and hospitable conversation about challenging issues which touch on the core of our values and identity. We believe that Practical Theology has rich resources and skills to offer to this task. In line with this, we will be looking for opportunities for ongoing reflection on this incident and what it reveals about our current British and Irish context. But our most immediate response must be to stand firmly against any form of violent threat or discrimination and to stand in solidarity with those whose lives and identities may be in danger.

The Society for the Study of Theology, of which Revd Robinson-Brown is a member, has put out a statement along similar lines. See <https://www.theologysociety.org.uk/initiatives/theology-and-race/sst-statement-in-support-of-revd-jarel-robinson-brown/>

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