

# **The Politics of Race in the Obama Era: The Implications for the Church**

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The election of Barack Obama as President of the United States offers a new and unprecedented opportunity to address race as a powerful social construct that shapes and impacts inter-group relations, issues of identity, public policy, and the understanding of