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LETTERS

■ WHILE we wholly endorse the anti-racist views expressed by the Christian leaders in their letter (*The Cumberland News*, April 18), may we, as members of Cumbria Humanist Group, point out that these views are shared by those of us who hold no such religious beliefs – currently the majority of the UK population?

Humans have evolved over millions of years and there is greater genetic diversity within the populations of Africa than between them and the populations of all the other continents.

Racial tension has so often been exacerbated by religious conflict – between Catholic and Protestant,

Hindu and Muslim, Muslim and Christian – so religious extremists must accept some historical responsibility for the racism which we now see in society.

But we're all on the same side in condemning the far right and its racist stance, so let us identify our common values here, and stand together to confront this evil.

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