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The Right Reverend Robert Fitzpatrick
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i and the Northern Pacific
Honolulu
HAWAI'I

Dear Bishop Robert,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I write to you with a heavy heart and with deep concern following the recent flooding and heavy rainstorms that have brought such distress to Honolulu County, especially to the communities of the North Shore of O'ahu, including Waialua and Hale'iwa. We have followed with sadness the reports of catastrophic flooding, emergency evacuations, damaged homes, stranded families, and the great anxiety caused by rising waters near the Wahiawā Dam.

On behalf of the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia, I want to assure you, the clergy, and the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i of our prayers, our solidarity, and our heartfelt sympathy during this difficult time. We give thanks that many lives were preserved through the courageous efforts of emergency responders and neighbors helping one another, even as so many now face disruption, loss, and uncertainty.

In the Pacific, we understand deeply how quickly heavy weather can overturn daily life and burden communities with fear, exhaustion, and grief. At such times, the Church is called to stand close to the suffering, to offer comfort to the anxious, hope to the weary, and practical care to those whose homes, livelihoods, and sense of security have been shaken.

Please convey to the people of the North Shore, and to all those affected across O'ahu, our love in Christ. We pray especially for families who have been displaced, for the elderly and vulnerable, for those undertaking recovery and cleanup, and for all civil authorities, first responders, and community leaders who continue to serve under great pressure.

May God strengthen your people, protect those still in danger, and grant wisdom, endurance, and compassion to all engaged in relief and recovery.

May the Holy Spirit sustain the Church in its ministry of healing and hope.

Fakatauange ke kei hapai aipe kimoutolu 'e Sihova he taimi 'o e faingata'a.

'Ofa atu moe Hufaki.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of two crosses followed by the name 'Sione S. Uluilakepa' written in a cursive script.

The Most Revd. Sione S. Uluilakepa
Archbishop & Primate
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