



Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala



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Dear Bishop and siblings in Christ of the Saint Paul Area Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ.

We write to you with heavy hearts upon learning of the tragic and violent events that have taken place in Minneapolis, where a member of the community lost their life amid acts of advocacy and defense of immigrants. We mourn the loss of life, grieve with those who are suffering, and hold close in prayer all who have been impacted by this tragedy.

In moments like these, when violence silences a human voice and wounds a community, the pain reaches far beyond one place. We stand in solidarity with you, with the family and loved ones of the person who was killed, and with all who are working for justice, dignity, and the protection of vulnerable communities.

As people of faith, we are deeply troubled whenever lives are lost in contexts marked by fear, injustice, or hatred. At the same time, we give thanks for those who courageously seek to defend the lives and rights of immigrants, refugees, and all who are at risk. Their witness reminds us that love of neighbor often comes at great cost, and that the call of the Gospel is neither easy nor safe, but it is faithful.

We pray that God's presence may surround your synod, the city of Minneapolis, and all affected communities with comfort, strength, and hope. May the Spirit sustain those who grieve, grant wisdom to leaders, and inspire continued commitment to nonviolence, justice, and peace.

Please know that you are not alone. We walk with you, we pray with you, and we reaffirm our shared calling to stand with those who are marginalized and to work for a world where every person's life is honored as sacred.

With prayers, solidarity, and hope in Christ,

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