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Greetings, CBC Family and Friends,

This past Sunday, there was a shooting on the campus of Delaware State University, resulting in the death of an 18-year-old young lady who was not a student. We send our deepest sympathies to the family of the young lady and the entire DSU community impacted by this tragic and senseless event. We will pray for both this family and the university.

We pray for our local law enforcement agencies and first responders who run toward these situations instead of away from them.

We are called to put our faith into action and embody the answers to the prayers we lift up to God. When we offer up our prayers, let us not neglect to seek ways in which we can be of assistance. If we pray for comfort, let us be available to comfort. If we pray for peace, let us seek ways for peace. God is calling us to embody our prayers in tangible ways.

We have so much to pray about as we look around and witness what is happening in our nation and this world. The senseless violence, oppression, injustice, threats to democracy – and the list goes on – is enough to challenge us mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. The question is often asked, “How do we keep our faith and hold on to hope?”

I will admit that “holding on” is easier said than done; however, we cannot throw our hands up and leave what is left of this country and world to those who would want to dehumanize us and cause us to accept our current state as the new norm. I admit that assessing why God allows tragic things to happen is no easy conversation. However, I am convinced that God does not cause tragedy, but He can use tragedy. I admit that I do not fully understand the details of God’s sovereign plan, but I choose to trust him. William Cowper, who said, “God moves in a mysterious way,” also said, “The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.”

So, what is our place in all of this? As uncomfortable as it may be, our place is not to know all of God’s purposes but to trust in him, even if we do not understand. It is tempting to think that if we had all our questions answered, it would comfort us. But explanations never comfort; it is trusting in “the Father of mercies and God of all comfort” (1 Cor 1:3) that does.

The work we must do to move forward in a healthy and productive manner is messy, complicated, and requires sacrifice. But we believe it is still worth it to work on.

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