



Consultation of Methodist Bishops
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The African Methodist Episcopal Church
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The African Union Methodist Protestant Church
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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(Atlanta, Georgia, March 2019) During the annual meeting of the Pan Methodist Commission comprised of six denominations within the tradition of Wesleyan Methodism, reports emerged of mass shootings at two Muslim mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. Having reviewed the most recent reports of this tragedy the Commission joined the innumerable voices of those expressing deep sadness at the news that over 50 Muslim women, men and children were killed, and dozens wounded at Al Noor and Linwood mosques. We grieve and offer prayers for the family and friends of those who were murdered.

Unlike some of our nation's political leaders who refuse to acknowledge this senseless act as indicative of a rise in white supremacy around the world, we declare that this is part and parcel of growing acts of white terrorism firmly attached to a long history of colonialism. The young white supremacist, now in New Zealand police custody, is one of many who espouse the kind of anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant, anti-Black and anti-Brown bigotry which we have watched increase right here in the United States of America. Therefore, in addition to offering our prayers, we call upon our political leaders in America to stand against this sinful bigotry, to take steps towards eradicating discrimination and to protect the right of asylum for those who seek safety within our country.

The heartiest commitment of the Pan-Methodist Commission for the Muslim community in New Zealand and around the world is that our prayers be acts of righteousness and love. In that vein, the Commission, whose denominations consist of millions in membership resolved at its most recent meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, to stand in solidarity with Al Noor and Linwood mosques. Recognizing the sense of urgency in this matter, we ask our members to send financial support through our various agencies that specialize in providing prompt emergency relief. We also plead for the practice of loving actions toward all people.

The Peace of God Be with You,

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