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Gus Reyes of the Christian Life Commission Responds to 2016 Election Results

AUSTIN - "Many people in the nation are happy today because their candidate won the election, while a significant number are experiencing shock and anxiety. This presents a significant challenge for our country and the church. Despite our political views at any one moment, we are citizens of one nation, bound together by the principles in the Declaration of Independence and the legal framework of the Constitution. These documents bind us together.

We can take great pride in the trustworthiness of our electoral process. Our elections are fair and the process is secure. We should be thankful for that trustworthiness.

Those of us who are Christians respond to a higher calling and a greater authority. God is our ultimate ruler, and we are citizens in God's kingdom. Still we often disagree on how to apply our faith to our nation's politics. It is important in our political disagreements that we remain united in Christ, recognizing that none of us have full wisdom in these affairs.

Jesus, as expressed in God's Word, gives us hope and a reason to be optimistic about our future even when we feel discouraged. Jesus is still the answer for our world today, and the results of this election will not hinder God's causes.

'What does the Lord still require of us? "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8 (NSRV)'"

Dr. Gus Reyes, Director, Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission

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