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From President Walton....



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Lenten greetings to you all as we begin those final weeks of this season that truly points us to the hope we have within us, the risen Lord Jesus!

The Psalmist wrote, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15

This morning we learned of the murder of Pastor Doris Jean Louis, the father of Lutheranism in Haiti, truly one of God's saints. Apparently as he was entering his residence last night he was attacked by some men and brutally murdered. We received word of this sad event from Nadine Isidor, the niece of Pastor Louis, that she sent to Pastor Darrell Stuehrenberg. While we have no further details and can't comprehend how this could happen, as God's people we cry out in anguish for this dear soul. We pray that God's mercy, comfort and peace would surround his family, the Lutheran community in Haiti, and the whole nation still embroiled in such difficulty following the devastating earthquakes.

In the grace and mercy of God, I would request that Pastor Louis' family be lifted in prayer in your worship service tomorrow, that you would continue to pray for the Lutheran community in Haiti, and continue to pray for this nation. The Apostle Paul wrote of the Church being like a human body, and said, "that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you

are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Cor. 12:25-27

As the body of Christ here, may we join our hearts together with our family in Haiti who is reeling and saddened from this news. And may we continue to lift up this troubled nation, that the peace of God that passes all human comprehension would rest upon this people.

The needs in Haiti continue to be great, and if your congregation is able, please continue to raise support for these brothers and sisters in Christ. You can direct those gifts through the District Office or through Mission Haiti in Davie, FL. But most importantly, let us keep the family and friends of Pastor Doris Jean Louis in our prayers, that the legacy of his life might continue to loudly proclaim the Gospel he loved about our Savior, Jesus Christ!

I thank you all for the partnership we share by God's grace!

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"The love of Christ urges us on." 2 Corinthians 5:14

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