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To Our CLG Family:

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, especially during this tumultuous time. The world is grappling with the evils of prejudice and violence that have once again reared their ugly heads. The spirits of racism and inequality have spurred a movement where people are demanding *real change*, not only in our judicial system, but in our communities, policing practices, amongst lawmakers, and in our churches. To hear the news of yet another innocent black life taken due to racism and hatred is truly heartbreaking. The question for us now, as a church, as believers, and as the body of Christ is, "What should our response be?" How can we approach the social ills in our society and fight against injustice and inequality? As a Pastor and Ministerial staff, it may seem that we have been silent. During this time of silence, we have been in prayer, reflection, and contemplation about the state of our country and what happens next.

First, we believe that we are called to fight against injustice as the Bible commands us. In the book of Jeremiah, vs 22:3 the Lord says, ***Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor, the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.*** The "fight" for each of us may look different, but we are encouraged to stand against the systemic racism and injustice we face as a people and a nation. Your stand may prompt you to join a peaceful protest or donate towards an organization supporting the resolution of social issues. You may decide to write a letter to your elected official, run for public office, or commit to vote in upcoming elections, etc. The key is to *be a change agent* wherever the Lord leads. As a ministry, we will explore ways to affect this change in our local communities. We encourage you to share any ideas the Lord may lay upon your heart with the leadership of the church.

Second, we believe that prayer is integral to see this change manifest. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, the believer is admonished to ***seek God's face, humble ourselves and pray, and turn from our wicked ways, then He will hear from heaven, forgive sin and heal our land.*** The hand of God is needed to transform the hearts and minds of the leadership and people of our country, and the broken systems that remain in place. Lasting change will not be manifest without fervent prayer and the direction of the Holy Spirit. Pray with your family, with friends, and with your church community! Pray without ceasing!

Lastly, allow the light and love of Christ to shine through and lead us during these trying times. We are called to unite and rebuild. As we communicate with others regarding our hearts, allow the Lord to guide us towards *justice and reconciliation*. Though we are frustrated, tired, and even angry, let us use these emotions as incentive to trust and believe in God for something greater that will span generations to come. Please take this opportunity to have an open dialogue with your families. Let's make an effort to have tough conversations and engage in ways to [learn about racism](#), the history of this nation, and how to navigate through the many feelings and emotions we may experience. As a church, we will continue the conversation and provide resources to encourage learning and reflection as we traverse this space together.

Be encouraged! The Lord knew this time in history would come to pass and He has a plan for each of us. We are called and equipped to stand firm for what is right and just! Together, we will lift our brethren, fortifying them in the ways of the Lord and make *His Name* great. We love you all and pray that even through this, testimonies will be birthed, and lasting change will finally come.

Blessings to you and your families,

Pastor Dan & the CLG Leadership Team