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Respected Bishop Budde,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As committed people of faith, we, the signing people from different Protestant churches offer our deep gratitude and express our support for your words during the post-inauguration prayer service in the presence of the President of the United States and other representatives of the new government at the National Cathedral on January 21, 2025.

We are together as representatives of partner churches of the Protestant Church in Hesse and Nassau (member of the Protestant Church in Germany – EKD) from Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States of America. We are together for an International Consultation on “Seeking Unity – Partnerships in a changing and challenging World”. As representative leaders we will encourage the leaders and leading bodies of our larger churches to join us in expressing our combined solidarity.

You spoke faithfully, expressing love and concern for the most vulnerable among us, proclaiming the Gospel in its most clear form. What you preached was bold and prophetic. And it was deeply rooted in our shared faith tradition. We agree to your words at the end of the sermon:

“Our God teaches us that we are to be merciful to the stranger, for we were all once strangers in this land. May God grant us the strength and courage to honor the dignity of every human being, to speak the truth to one another in love and walk humbly with each other and our God for the good of all people in this nation and the world.”

In Christ’s Love



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