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OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE SHOOTING DEATH OF DAUNTE WRIGHT

We are heartbroken to learn of the shooting death of Daunte Wright, yet another Black man who has died at the hands of law enforcement in our city. Our hearts are heavy for the family of Daunte and for our beloved Brooklyn Center community, the former home and birthplace of The Brook Community Church. We are encouraged by the city official's decision to charge the officer involved, as it reassures the public that there will be swift action and accountability when officers use unjust lethal force. We pray that justice will be served so that the family and this city may begin to heal. Hannah and I are extremely saddened that this most recent shooting has forced our community to relive the trauma of the killing of George Floyd, already reeling from the ongoing Derek Chauvin trial. As a pastor, it is my responsibility to speak up about these injustices, when too many leaders in the Christian community have been noticeably silent on such issues. No matter our faith, police killings of unarmed Black people is a crisis that affects all of us. It is not lost on me that there are those who will use this tragedy as an opportunity to stoke racial divisions, however this is a moment when we must come together. We call for justice, peace and healing, as we continue to pray and work toward meaningful lasting change in Minneapolis and around the country.

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