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To the bereaved families, elected leaders, first responders, and residents
of the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada

Today, hearts across Nova Scotia and all of Canada are joined together in collective mourning for the victims of the horrific shootings that occurred on Saturday, April 18 at various locations across the Province. On behalf of the Nova Scotia Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and the entire Church Of God In Christ, led by our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Bishop Charles Edward Blake, Sr., we offer heartfelt condolences and pray for the families of those who lost their lives, the wounded, and the community as a whole. We pray, too, for the first responders whose bravery apprehended the suspect and prevented further bloodshed.

We implore all people of goodwill, especially our elected and local leaders, to work together to find meaningful solutions to ensure heinous acts such as this do not occur in our society.

Together we pray that the God of all Goodness and Mercy dispel the darkness of evil in our world and grant us His peace. May He provide light where there is darkness, love where there is hate, and kindness where there is contempt.

Yours In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Talbert W. Swan II".

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