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Leadership Council Statement on Charlie Kirk

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On Wednesday, September 10, right-wing influencer Charlie Kirk was murdered, for reasons yet unknown. While much vitriol has been spewed across the entire media ecosphere, and especially from our elected leaders, the alleged killer has not yet divulged his motives. We all need to take a deep breath, cease speculation and engage in facts anchored to evidentiary truth.

One thing is certain: murder is wrong. Both families are suffering. Both families have lost their hopes for the future. Murder is never monodirectional. It rips through families, loved ones and the greater community.

Kirk made millions of dollars stoking the flames of division and outrage – that is his legacy. He leaves in his wake not only his own broken family, but shattered families across the country. His views on women, the LGBTQ+ community, people of color – especially our African American sisters and brothers – have caused great damage. Kirk's views are reprehensible: we will not defend them. Nor will we directly quote his rhetoric – his words are not worthy of your time. However, if you feel the need to review his white supremacy/nationalist manipulation of facts, we urge you to seek primary sources as much as possible, avoiding opinion pieces (like this) to create a well-informed understanding.

There is no such thing as a Christian Nationalist. The two ideologies are incompatible. Any form of nationalism does not comport with Jesus' message of loving our neighbor or welcoming the stranger in our midst, therefore, cannot be Christian. White Supremacy, which hides under the cloak of Christian Nationalism, is the enslaver's religion, twisting the Bible to defend the indefensible. It must be rejected and rooted out. Not by violence, but by steadfastly following the teachings of an ancient Jewish rabbi living in an occupied land who ultimately taught his disciples that, though the days look dark, resurrection, like the sun, will always meet us.

We pray for that resurrection. Then we roll up our sleeves and work for it. That's how prayer works. Our God is not, as one member quipped, "a Pez-dispenser in the sky." Our God depends on us, led by the Spirit, informed by Jesus, to do the work of reconciliation, redemption and resurrection. We urge you to join well-established, faith-based (or not) organizations dedicated to resurrection, not destruction.

Kirk's legacy will not have the last word. Hate never does. Hug your loved ones and neighbors – we all need it. Then do the work of justice. Call your Congressional Representatives and Senators. Speak up when the opportunity arises. Join a group dedicated to advocating for love. Do not "go along to get along." There will be disruptions, there will be anger; there might be more draconian responses. But if we stay silent in the face of these enormous lies, we become complicit.

Toward peace and justice,

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