

Brookfield, WI, Living Church of God Tragedy

Personal Statement from the Council of Elders of the United Church of God

Words cannot even begin to convey the sorrow and grief we carry upon hearing of the senseless killings in the Living Church of God services Saturday. We literally and symbolically ache for the families and friends whose loved ones were so tragically taken, and pray earnestly for the healing of those whose lives are still hanging in the balance. The lives of thousands of people around the world who never knew these individuals personally are nevertheless deeply affected.

The bond of God's Holy Spirit instills a special love for all of those in His spiritual family, and we "weep with them that weep" (Romans 12:15). Amid all the conflicting emotions and complex questions swirling around this tragedy, this much is clear: how desperately we need Jesus Christ to return to this earth. After today, our sense of urgency and longing for that moment to arrive has risen to an entirely different level and we pray as never before, "Thy kingdom come!"

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