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## Letter of solidarity in a cold time

Dear Bishop Jen Nagel, Minneapolis, dear Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry,  
dear siblings in Christ in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

Greetings of peace from the Church of Norway.

In this time marked by pressure from federal authorities, including ICE actions and a wider climate of fear, we want to express our deep solidarity with you and with the congregations you accompany. We are mindful of the vulnerable families and communities in Minneapolis who live with insecurity and threat, and we hold them in prayer.

Our partnership has deep roots. Many Norwegians have found a home in Minneapolis over generations, and these ties continue to bind our churches and peoples together. We also recall with gratitude Presiding Bishop Olav Fykse Tveit's visit to Minneapolis last autumn, for the installation of Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, a stay during which he also witnessed firsthand the courage and compassion that shape your ministry.

We admire your unwavering commitment to human dignity, justice, and the protection of the vulnerable. Your witness — in congregations, in public advocacy, and in accompaniment of those facing detention or deportation — reflects the heart of the Gospel and reminds us that no person is disposable, no family should be torn apart, and no community should live in fear.

Please know that we stand with you in prayer, in partnership, and in shared resolve for a more just and humane future.

**"A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice;" (Isaiah 42:3)**

With fraternal greetings in Christ,

Yours sincerely

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