

To the Entire Congregation of Mother Emanuel AME Church,  
Charleston, South Carolina

A Message of Condolence, Care and Compassion

Friday, June 26, 2015

*“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit,  
“They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” Revelation 14:13*

It is in the spirit of faith, unity and love, that we, the South Carolina Democratic Party Faith Caucus, express to you our sorrow. We are deeply saddened by the sudden tragic news of your Pastor and members:

1. Pastor, Reverend and Senator Clementa Pinckney, age 41
2. Reverend Daniel Simmons Sr., age 74
3. Reverend DePayne Middleton-Doctor, age 49
4. Reverend Sharonda Singleton, age 45
5. Mother Susie Jackson, age 87
6. Mother Ethel Lee Lance, age 70
7. Mother Myra Thompson, age 59
8. Mother Cynthia Hurd, age 54
9. Brother Tywanza Sanders, age 26

Our hearts are full with gratitude for the exemplary way your Congregation has lead us through this tragic event. You have lifted the hearts and spirits of all mankind in your community and City of Charleston, the state of South Carolina, the United States and the World. Your resounding example of Forgiveness, Compassion, and Selflessness is to be highly commended and widely followed.

It was an honor and a delight to serve with your Pastor and Senator Pinkney in the Faith Caucus. He was a true leader of Faith and profound belief. He has rightly been named the “Gentle Giant”, so kind, extremely helpful, and very strong in his moral fiber. I know that God will accept all of them home with open arms for all the good that they have done while here on this earth.

Please accept our condolence, care and compassion. We offer our friendship and prayers to you continually during this difficult time. Please remember that our departed Faith family will remain alive in our hearts and minds. Through us, they will live on. May God continue to comfort you and give you peace.

Sincerely,

Sister Annejanet Harp, Refuge Temple Church, Southern Regional Headquarters,  
Elder Earnest and Mother Rose Harp, Refuge Temple Church, SRH  
Minister Cedric Spain, Way of the Cross Family Worship Center  
Sister Bridget Deline, Refuge Temple Church, SRH  
Deacon Harvey and Sister Rebecca Beach, Trinity Baptist Church  
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