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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we witness the devastating impact of the recent fires in Southern California, our hearts are heavy for our brothers and sisters who have lost so much. The Bible reminds us in Romans 12:15, "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." In this spirit, we must unite as a family of faith to support those suffering.



We call on every congregation within the Seventh Episcopal District to prayerfully consider giving a love offering above and beyond your tithes and offerings. These contributions will directly support the individuals and families affected by this disaster, providing relief and hope in their time of need. Your contributions will directly impact and assist our AME family in the **Fifth Episcopal District**, as well as significant contributions that will also be made to the **American Red Cross** as we seek to cast a wide net of support to those individuals whose world has been turned upside down.

As part of our ongoing **We Care** mission and partnership, we are committed to extending ourselves in tangible ways. **Compassion requires action**, and your generosity will serve as a testament to the love of Christ that dwells in us. Together, we can make a meaningful difference, demonstrating that we are indeed our brothers' and sisters' keepers. We ask that all financial gifts be submitted to your Presiding Elder by **Monday**, **January 27**, **2025**. Each presiding elder will accurately account for each contribution and submit them to the Episcopal Office no later than **Thursday**, **January 30**, **2025**.

In addition to your financial gifts, I ask that you lift those impacted by this tragedy in prayer. Pray for their strength, healing, and restoration, trusting that God will sustain them and provide for their every need.

We are profoundly grateful for your hearts of radical generosity and your willingness to respond in this critical time. Your contributions reflect the spirit of love and unity that defines who we are as a Church.

Let us stand together, weeping with those who weep and acting with the compassion that our faith calls us to. May God bless you richly for all that you do in His name.

With a Spirit to IGNITE, in His name

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