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## **Don Kreiss to Southeast Michigan Synod, ELCA**

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"And the Lord said, 'What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground.'" Genesis 4:10

We woke up to another story of unspeakable violence today: police officers in Dallas working to protect citizens gathered to peacefully protest the deaths of two African American men were themselves shot at by a sniper. Five officers were killed; seven injured. The shooter died as well.

Every life is precious. We are grateful for those who risk their lives in service to others, and so the death of these officers in the line of duty is particularly terrible. We keep their families in our prayers, even as we grieve their loss.

Presiding Bishop Eaton recently spoke of our need to see each other as fully human. Perhaps there is no other way to move forward as a nation until we come together to grieve, to confess and to console each other for these losses that keep crashing in on us.

I invite you to follow this link (<http://elca.org/blacklivesmatter>) to be in companionship with others who mourn. Let us continue to pray for healing and reconciliation.

Lord, have mercy.



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