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Lest we forget the crisis, carnage and critical message of Jonestown. We are gathered to dedicate this wall, that posterity and our generation will never forget the tragic results of authoritarian, dishonest, and abusive use of spirituality and religion.

The entire world community should always remember how one man with a misguided and mean spirituality led hundreds of believing souls to a senseless death and many of those who lost their lives were many trusting and faithful African American believers who had hoped that Jonestown would truly be a beloved community where all were treated justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.

May the lessons of Jonestown challenge all faith leaders to refrain from abusive judge mental and demeaning practices that demean, divide, and demoralize the human family.

Dr. Norwood should receive our applause for her dogged determination to ensure that there will always be a memorial to remind the world that we must go beyond chaos and crisis, animosity and hate, hopelessness and pain to give birth to an all encompassing love, grace, forgiveness, and faith that leads to the protection and defense for the welfare of all humankind.

Sincerely in Christ,

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