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Mr. Stanley Knox Chief of Police 1300 Beaubien Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Mr. Knox:

The brutal killing of Mr. Malice Green on Thursday, November 5th, by law-enforcement officers in Detroit has brought sorrow, grief and not only to the bereaved family and city officials, but to the entire Detroit community and the Church.

While we must all condemn such heinous and barbaric crime, we do commend you and the city government for your prompt response to the situation, and the decisive vigilance with which you have moved to ensure justice.

Such timely response reflects your commitment to make Detroit a safe place, and should serve as an example of a "city against crime." We hope that this will go a long way in deterring further public unrest in demand of redress because we know full well that the action of a few do not represent the intent of the entire police force.

We at Central United Methodist Church join our voices with the rest of the religious community in prayer for you and the family in the hope and anticipation of a speedy trial in order that justice will be rendered where justice is due; for "justice delayed is justice denied."

Our prayers are with you and the your department that God will bless us all as we strive together to make Detroit a beacon of hope in a violent and war-like world.

Grace and peace,

Rev. David T, Strong

Rev. Emma/huel J. Giddings

Pastors,

on behalf of the people of Central United Methodist Church.

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