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34,000 Christian Churches Condemn Indiscriminate Killing in Pakistan and Egypt

Obama Must Apply Human Rights Standards to All Countries

Washington DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African American churchgoers, is appalled at the systematic killing of Christians in Pakistan and Egypt. These consistent, systematic attacks against churches go against all standards of decency and illustrate a level of religious intolerance that is unacceptable. The Obama Administration and the State Department specifically, have an obligation to vehemently decry such acts against humanity.

Beyond our government leadership, Christians worldwide must condemn these attacks of targeted assassination and blatant disregard for religious liberty. The church is the body of Christ, and our faith will remain steadfast through attacks by deranged factions of Islamic extremists. Religious liberties are an innate right to all those who believe in God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We call on greater Christendom and all those who support the freedom of faith to rise up against evil and send resources to our brothers and sisters in Pakistan and Egypt.

Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President says, “We are emotionally outraged at not only the systematic killing of Christians, but also the silence that follows it. We call upon all major religious denominations throughout the world to condemn these killings and provide affected churches with whatever resources they need after these horrific attacks on their faith.”

In an attempt to build peace, NBCI plans to reach out to Islamic organizations in these countries to establish a harmonious understanding. We also call upon the Administration to convene an international forum on issues surrounding the attack on Christian churches across the world, to safeguard those exercising their God-given right to religious freedom. There are two core principles that must be adhered to: 1) All religious institutions, whether they be mosques,

temples, churches, or other religious institutions, should be seen as violence-free zones and anyone who violates this should be subject to international crime laws. 2) Every religious minority across the world should be safeguarded in their countries' constitution as well as international laws of religious decency and tolerance. Attention to these issues is critical to preventing such vicious attacks in the future, and we urge the Obama Administration to act swiftly.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.