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THE NATIONAL BLACK CHURCH INITIATIVE MOURNS THE 68 LIVES LOST IN NORWAY MASSACRE

The Black Church Stands with the Citizens of Norway

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 Americans, relays its deepest support to the people of Norway whose citizens were brutally attacked in Anders Breivik's killing spree that took place July 28, 2011 on the island of Utoya.

As a national African American organization dedicated to eradicating violence worldwide, NBCI offers its thoughts and prayers to the families and individuals whose lives have been forever changed by the horrific loss of life.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of NBCI says, "The senseless murder of so many of innocent Norwegian citizens is both a heartbreaking and inexplicable tragedy. On behalf of the National Black Church Initiative I would like to extend our most heartfelt condolences to the people of Norway. We urge all citizens around the globe to come together to help repair the wounds this senseless act of violence has inflicted. NBCI and the African American faith community stand ready to do our part."

The Black Church will continue to stand up against the extremism that unfortunately exists in all societies and religions. We remain confident that communities will band together to help heal the damage these acts of terror have caused and believe that Norway will continue its commitment to openness and democracy despite the senseless terror it has so bravely endured.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino 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. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.