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The National Black Church Initiative's 34,000 Churches Strongly Disagrees With President Trump's Decision To Move The United States Embassy To Jerusalem

This will hurt the cause of peace in the Middle East

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, strongly disagrees with President Trump's decision to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. This move will ignite another intifada among Palestinian youth and activists. Countless innocent Palestinian women and children will die because of this decision.

Rev. Anthony Evans President of the National Black Church Initiative says, "The Black Church will not sit silently by and allow this President, or any other President, or any other leader in the Middle East to stroke the flames of hatred and division. This action by President Trump does not promote peace, it only undermines it. It only satisfies the sentiments of a narrow radical element in the Jewish community, who are not committed to peace. They clearly understand that this action will cause chaos and could lead to war."

This decision speaks to the President's gross misunderstandings of the tender palisade of the Middle East between Arabs and Jews. The Black Church is taking the position of peace. We are not siding with anyone. It is our understanding, since the Camp David Accords brokered by President Carter, that Jerusalem is a negotiated settlement issue and it will serve as both the Palestinian and Jewish capital and neither Palestinians or Jews should claim it as the capital before a comprehensive peace plan can be reached, agreed upon and ratified for all those who are involved.

This in itself makes President Trump's decision irresponsible and morally reckless.

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. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. 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.