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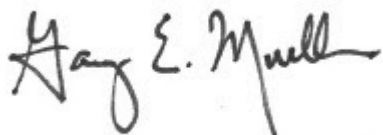
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I am writing as a Bishop of the United Methodist Church, a follower of Jesus Christ and a citizen who deeply loves the United Methodist Church.

Our nation is in an unprecedented moment of crisis as I write these words. I ask you to stop whatever you are doing, and pray for our nation and all those involved in the very grave situation unfolding in Washington D.C. My heart breaks as I watch the scenes of armed insurgents breaching the Capitol of the United States of America.

It is a fact that we are a deeply polarized nation in which passions are running high after the recent Presidential election. However, we are first and foremost a nation rooted in the Constitution and Rule of Law. There are legal and very appropriate means for people to express their opinions and a legal process that allows them to seek redress for their grievances. I know the vast majority of supporters of President Trump, as well as President-elect Biden, believe this with all of their hearts.

As you pray, remember the words of John Wesley as we think about the future of our beloved nation. His wisdom resonates just as strongly now as it did centuries ago, "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences."



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