



# NATIONAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

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Dear Bishop Budde,

As the National Episcopal Church Women (ECW) board, we support the words of your sermon at the National Cathedral on January 21st. We know, by God's grace, unity can be achieved in our country. With God, it is possible. The National Episcopal Church Women pray for that unity, and we will pray for you as you continue to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We especially pray that your words asking for mercy on gay, lesbian, and transgender children and those noncitizens and immigrants in our country, be taken to heart.

Last Sunday our Curate's sermon included a song, "We Are One Body" by Fran McKendree. "We are one body, one body in Christ. And we do not stand alone." If we share community, we must listen and be heard. To share a community peacefully, we must come to the table in unity. We follow our baptismal vows seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves and striving for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being.

We ask the Lord, through the love of His will, to give wisdom to our President, as our Book of Common Prayer provides:

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to *thy* merciful care, that, being guided by *thy* Providence, we may dwell secure in *thy* peace. Grant to the President of the United States and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do *thy* will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in *thy* fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who *liveth* and *reigneth* with *thee* and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Sending you love and light,

*Lisa Bortner*

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