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A statement from the Southampton District

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The Southampton District of the Methodist Church stands with the family of Henry Nowak in their grief and prays for them following the conviction of his murderer.

The grace and dignity his family have demonstrated is humbling and inspirational, making it clear that this tragedy must not lead to further violence. They want what happened to their son to lead to changes for the better, to make our streets safer for everyone, regardless of race or religion, and not to be used to create division or hatred. We will seek to support the work to accomplish the wishes of Henry's family.

While the circumstances around the murder and its aftermath may raise questions for some, these must be addressed with dignity and respect, not with anger or rage.

We pray for those directly working towards bringing about justice and peace and commit to praying for Henry's family and friends and for our communities at this time.

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