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An Open Letter to Our Sisters and Brothers in the United Church of Christ, Chicago Metropolitan Association, Illinois Conference:

As bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I would like to express publicly my personal thanks and that of our synod council for the courage and clarity with which you, our sisters and brothers in the United Church of Christ, have led us through the recent controversy regarding the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright. With your insight, and by your example, you have called the entire Church into a deeper conversation about race and privilege in our society - so that together we may live more faithfully as followers of Jesus Christ. You may rest assured that as your full communion partner we will be engaged with you and with each other in this essential and long-overdue conversation.

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