



The Holland Department of Public Safety
Police Operations
89 W. 8th Street
Holland, MI 49423

July 11, 2016

Dear Chief Messer and Holland Public Safety Officers,

I am writing to you on behalf of Grace Episcopal Church to let you know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of our congregation. At Grace we pray every Sunday for those in law enforcement, but we feel a particular need to reach out to you now as we hear the news from Dallas. We grieve the deaths of the five Dallas officers and pray for healing for those who were injured. We also offer our support to you as we pray and work together for healing to come to our community and this world.

In Grace's small Chapel, we have lit candles for the officers and citizens who died last week. We will continue our prayers. We also invite you to visit this space whenever it might be of comfort to you. Be welcome here. Our Chapel is off the back of our sanctuary and is a quiet place of refuge and prayer, open everyday. There is peace to be had here and we invite you to stop in when you need to step out. Know that you are welcome and that the prayers of many surround you.

We are aware that your work carries significant risks and as tensions in our country run high, the burdens rise. You and your families are in our hearts. We are more grateful than you know for the protection and care you offer our neighborhoods, our schools, our community.

Thank you for all that you do and please let us know if there is more that we can do in support.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Jennifer L. Adams, Rector