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The Reverend Anthony Evans of the National Black Church Initiative Welcomes Rev. Walter Fauntroy Home – Our Prodigal Son Has Returned

We will work with him and his family

Washington, DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, welcomes Rev. Fauntroy back to the shores of America. Our brother in Christ has returned home like the prodigal son returned back to his father. We love Walter Fauntroy and Sister Dorothy Fauntroy. Whatever trouble he is in -- the Black Christian Church of Washington and around the world will stand with his family during these hard times. He and his wife have done too much good over the years for anyone to abandon them at their hour of tribulation.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says, “We love Walter and Dorothy Fauntroy. And we will stand with them at this hour of difficulty. Martin King said that, ‘The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.’ It is human to error and it is evil not to forgive. I can remember Rev. Fauntroy and Sister Dorothy Fauntroy doing a city

wide campaign to recruit more adopted children and how their heart grew open and wide when they saw a little girl that needed to be adopted. And how they raised that child in the midst of the congregation of the saints at Mount Bethel and how they loved that child. Now the Church needs to extend that same sense of compassion and love and decency to this brother. This is why at this hour, even though allegedly there may be some laws that may have been broken, we don't know, the Black Church will not abandon him. We will stand with him. I have stood with Walter Fauntroy for justice and I have prayed with him.”

We have asked the entire Christian church to begin to pray for this family so that healing can come from this situation. We view this while incident as a complete misunderstanding that can be resolved. Whatever it takes, our coalition of churches will continue to stand with Walter Fauntroy and his family. We can never forget the enormous contribution that he has made to all Black Americans across this country and the sacrifices he has made. How he stood with Martin and Daddy King and many others. We will not abandon our brother. Let it be clear to all those who would wish him ill that in the Christian faith, everybody according to the Christian theology deserves mercy and forgiveness and kindness and that is exactly what we are going to extend towards this family until they become a whole Christian family again.

In the name of Jesus the Christ.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.