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Dear Bishop Irons and Sisters and Brothers of the New York Annual Conference,

Grace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Healer of our Brokenness and Hope of the World!

We are saddened by the sudden, untimely death of Bishop Martin McLee. His death is a great loss to all those who love him and to those for whom he had served with passion, compassion, grace and humility. From the moment that I first received word of the death of Bishop McLee, I have been thinking about you and praying for you, as well as for the family. Please know that my deepest sympathy goes to you and that you are surrounded by the prayers of the people of the Harrisburg Area and throughout the connection. In the midst of what I know must be overwhelming grief, I pray that each of you will sense God's abiding presence during these days.

While his tenure as a Bishop was short, the impact and witness of Bishop McLee will be long lasting. He desired above all to witness to God's all embracing grace; and for that, we celebrate and give thanks to our God.

Once again, please be assured of our prayers for Bishop Irons, the Cabinet, and clergy and laity of the conference, as you lead and serve the conference for such a time as this. As we mourn the Episcopal leader's death, we can take comfort in knowing that we worship a God who grants us healing, hope, and peace.

Grace and Peace,

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Jeremiah J. Park