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Dear, dear friends:

They are not our words, but they are apt to the occasion. It has been said that there is a mean spirit creeping over our great land, a spirit that is whispering into the ears of hurting people: “Nobody cares.” Nobody cares that your children are suffering from hunger. Nobody cares that they are sick and you cannot afford health care to make them well again. Nobody cares that your homes have been wrenched from your lives by violence. Nobody cares.

You have stood up against that spirit and put the lie to its whisperings. You have cared and cared well and you have given us the tools to care as well. We care for the people whom you serve. Our gratitude to you for the ministry you perform on our behalf is precious.

We want you to know that we care deeply, profoundly, about you and your mission in these uncertain and difficult times. Changes to our government have brought uncertainty to all that you have stood for—we care about that and pledge ourselves to walk with you through whatever the future may hold for our beloved refugees. We begin by promising to keep your mission before those in elected office who have the power to legislate change. We further promise to support those whom you serve, and you in your serving at the most local and tangible levels.

We care because you care, thank you for giving us the tools to care.

Blessings,

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