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“Declaración de la Liga de Emergencia del Clero con respecto a los recientes abusos de poder contra los manifestantes pacíficos en Portland, Oregón”

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“Dichosos los perseguidos por hacer lo que es justo, porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos.” – Mateo 5: 10 (DHH)

La Liga de Emergencia del Clero (CEL en Ingles) está comprometida a resistir los abusos de poder y a denunciar los sistemas opresivos (# 2 y # 3 en nuestros compromisos declarados¹). Los recientes acontecimientos en Portland, Oregón, nos obligan a hablar en contra de la captura y detención de manifestantes pacíficos sin causa probable.

Desde el 14 de Julio, los funcionarios federales encargados de hacer cumplir la ley, a instancias del presidente de los Estados Unidos, han estado patrullando las calles de Portland y utilizando vehículos sin identificación para detener a manifestantes pacíficos². El 15 de Julio, el activista Mark Pettibone caminaba hacia su automóvil cuando funcionarios federales, vestidos de pies a cabeza con equipo táctico de camuflaje, lo arrestaron ilegalmente sin causa probable. Él no estuvo involucrado en ninguna actividad ilegal y no se encontraba en o cerca de una propiedad federal en el momento de su secuestro. Completamente inconsciente de quién lo detuvo, Pettibone fue llevado al juzgado federal, registraron tanto su cuerpo como sus pertenencias, y se le pidió que renunciara a sus derechos Miranda para responder algunas preguntas. Él en su derecho se negó y luego fue liberado abruptamente sin explicación ni documentación de por qué había sido detenido³. Este es solo uno de varios informes en todo el país durante los últimos meses de activistas capturados y detenidos sin causa probable por personas no identificadas, uniformadas e individuos armados.

Reconocemos y lamentamos que muchos de nuestros hermanos BIPOC (negros, indígenas y personas de color) conozcan muy bien el horror de ser detenidos injustamente.

¹ <https://www.clergyemergencyleague.com/commitments>

² <https://www.opb.org/news/article/federal-law-enforcement-unmarked-vehicles-portland-protesters/>

³ https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/07/17/portland-protests-federal-arrests/?fbclid=IwAR2xvXz0Jo1SBXvcW28F1SVLE9Rb_fWqkc6DmyBA5YiZBxtx-oG9Xt_ljKI

Llamados por nuestra fe y las enseñanzas de las Escrituras⁴, nosotros, La Liga de Emergencia del Clero, denunciaremos todos y cada uno de los abusos de poder en los niveles de gobierno local, estatal y federal. Reconocemos que la retórica de la "ley y el orden" es a menudo la precursora de un gobierno autoritario. "Ley y orden" es una frase que se ha utilizado para dar cobertura y apoyo a políticas de violencia y opresión derivadas de los males del racismo, la xenofobia y otros males sistémicos. Existe una ironía y profunda problemática cuando la retórica del "orden público" conduce a la violación de los derechos constitucionales de los manifestantes pacíficos.

Ahora no es el momento de guardar silencio. Ahora es el momento de que el clero y todas las personas de fe se pronuncien en contra de este abominable abuso de poder. Como dijo la procuradora general de Oregón, Ellen Rosenblum, en un comunicado: "Si puede suceder en Portland, puede suceder en cualquier lugar".⁵

Además, es aleccionador notar que estos eventos preocupantes han sucedido cuando recibimos la noticia de la muerte del icónico activista de derechos civiles John Lewis. El propio Representante Lewis fue arrestado docenas de veces en protesta por los mismos males sistémicos que se lamentan y cuestionan públicamente en lugares como Portland. Estamos agradecidos por los incansables esfuerzos de John Lewis por la justicia, y nosotros, que somos. La Liga de Emergencia del Clero estamos preparados para asumir la lucha por la justicia por la que él trabajó todos los días de su vida para promover.

Por lo tanto, la Liga Clero de Emergencia nos comprometemos a:

1. Nombrar y denunciar las acciones de los agentes del orden federal - y del presidente que los envió - que son intentos calculados y deliberados para reprimir, intimidar y silenciar las voces de manifestantes pacíficos que ejercen sus derechos de la Primera Enmienda.
2. Solicitamos la destitución inmediata de los agentes y / o agencias federales responsables que se hayan involucrado en estas prácticas.
3. Exigir que los funcionarios encargados de hacer cumplir la ley posean una causa probable para cualquier persona que detengan y que sigan la ley que requiere la lectura de los derechos al momento de detención.
4. Insistir en que los funcionarios encargados de hacer cumplir la ley en todos los niveles y en todas las jurisdicciones sean fácilmente identificables por aquellos a quienes están llamados a proteger y servir. La rendición de cuentas es imposible en un entorno donde la

⁴ For example, in Matthew 5:9-11, Jesus says: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account."

⁵ https://www.wweek.com/news/courts/2020/07/17/oregon-attorney-general-sues-to-stop-federal-arrests-of-portland-protesters/?fbclid=IwAR3w0fkL4I2zOLVb_v4ruwGIPXiViEoYy_dkToPHXKb-FpMp8Diew-TIXGM

identidad del funcionario encargado de hacer cumplir la ley es oculta al público durante el proceso de una detención. Esto crea deliberadamente un ambiente de miedo e intimidación.

5. Apoyaremos a quienes están pidiendo justicia, especialmente a los líderes religiosos en el área de Portland y en cualquier lugar donde ocurran tales abusos, y nos uniremos a su trabajo profético.

Acerca de la Liga Clero de Emergencia: somos una red a base de clero que busca una voz unificada para hablar en contra de los abusos de poder a nivel federal, estatal y local. Específicamente, resistimos la intromisión del Estado en contra de la Primera Enmienda y el derecho a la libertad de expresión, la libertad de religión y la reunión pacífica; la fusión de la política con el cristianismo radical, de derecha y fundamentalista; y el creciente poder del nacionalismo blanco racista y un estado policial militarizado. Brindamos apoyo, responsabilidad, recursos y redes para que el clero ministre proféticamente en sus congregaciones y en la plaza pública en este tiempo de agitación política, disturbios sociales y división partidista. Para saber más visite www.ClergyEmergencyLeague.com

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