



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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Dear Faith Community—

The Faith Community Advisory Group is very disturbed to learn about the incidents **impacting St. Jane de Chantal Catholic Parish, North Bethesda United Methodist Church, and Wildwood Baptist Church** over the weekend. We strongly condemn these manifestations of intolerance and hate.

In this difficult time, we stand firmly with the community members impacted and encourage those who reside in Montgomery County, MD to continue to work toward building a more inclusive community that welcomes and respects people no matter their religion, race, color, creed, national origin, sex, gender identity or disability. Differences in opinions and viewpoints are not a reason for anyone to take hateful actions, and prove our need for mutual respect and understanding in Montgomery County.

Not only does the faith community condemn these horrific incidents, but the below signatures indicate houses of worship and community organizations prepared to offer support however they are able.

We also want to take this time to share the following resources available to the victims of potential hate crimes in Montgomery County:

- [Montgomery County Committee Against Hate/Violence \(CAHV\)](#) administers the Partnership Fund for Victims of Hate/Violence. Individuals and institutions may be eligible under county law for reimbursement of property damage (up to \$2,000 per act) or medical expenses (up to \$4,000 per act). For more information contact Human-Rights.Administration@montgomerycountymd.gov
- [Montgomery County Office of Human Rights \(MCOHR\)](#) provides support to victims. Call 240-777-8450 to file a complaint of intimidation. MCOHR maintains confidentiality unless a victim grants the disclosure of information.
- [Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security](#) offers Securing Houses of Worship trainings. Please contact the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security at emergency.management@montgomerycountymd.gov.
- For information on CRASE trainings or facility assessment assistance, please contact the MCPD Community Engagement Division at MCPD_Engaged@Montgomerycountymd.gov.
- [U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency \(CISA\)](#) have free services, including site security assessments.
- Montgomery County offers [security grants for houses of worship and non-profits](#) of up to \$20,000, applications are expected to open this fall.
- For more information on the Faith Community Advisory Group or for ways to provide support please contact interfaith@montgomerycountymd.gov or [subscribe to newsletters](#).

Hate and bigotry have no home here in Montgomery County, and the following faith communities and community organizations stand in solidarity with those impacted.

For more information on please email interfaith@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Adas Israel Congregation
Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation
Adventist Community Services GW
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Bait-ur-Rehman
Mosque
Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association
Association of Humanistic Rabbis
B'nai Israel Congregation
Baha'is of Rockville
Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United
Methodist Church
Beth Shalom Congregation
Bethesda Presbyterian Church
Bethesda United Church of Christ
Bethesda Jewish Congregation
Bethesda United Methodist Church
Black Ministers Conference of Montgomery County
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethesda
Chevy Chase United Methodist Church
Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church
Chinmaya Mission Washington Regional Center
Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington
Christian Victory Center
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Community of Faith United Methodist Church
Congregation B'nai Tzedek, Potomac
Congregation Beth El
Congregation Beth Israel
Congregation Har Shalom
District of Columbia Baptist Convention
Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Gaithersburg
Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Silver Spring
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
Faith Community Baptist Church
Faith United Methodist Church
First Baptist Church of Silver Spring
Germantown Interfaith Group
Grace United Methodist Church
Guru Gobind Singh Foundation
Haneefiyya America
Harvest Intercontinental Church, Olney
Healthcare Initiative Foundation
Hill Havurah
Idara-e-Jaferia
IMAAM Center
IMPACT Silver Spring
Interfaith Action for Human Rights
The Inter-Faith Chapel at Leisure World
Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington
Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake
Interfaith Works
Islamic Community Center of Potomac

Islamic Center of Maryland
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater
Washington
Kehilat Shalom
Kol Shalom
Kunzang Odsal Palyul Changchub Choling
Mill Creek Parish United Methodist Church
Montgomery Countryside Alliance
Montgomery County Muslim Foundation
Montgomery Hills Baptist Church
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
Mount Jezreel Baptist Church
Muslim Community Center
Neelsville Presbyterian Church
New Bethel Baptist Church
New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance
Norbeck Community Church
Oak Chapel United Methodist Church
Potomac Presbyterian Church
River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Rockville Presbyterian Church
Rockville United Church
Rockville United Methodist Church
Saint Stephen Lutheran Church in Silver Spring
Salem United Methodist Church, Brookeville
Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society
Seneca Community Church
Shaare Tefila Congregation
Shaare Torah
Silver Spring Christian Reformed Church
Silver Spring United Methodist Church
Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, Takoma Park
St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Damascus
St. Camillus Church in Silver Spring
St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Bethesda
St. Francis Episcopal Church
St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church
St. John's Norwood Episcopal Church, Bethesda-
Chevy Chase
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Derwood
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church
St. Paul United Methodist Church in Kensington
St. Rose of Lima, Gaithersburg
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church
Temple Beth Ami
The Downtown Cluster of Congregations
Tikvat Israel
Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity United Methodist Church, Germantown
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