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Dear Ottawa residents,

This week I met with a group of religious leaders from throughout Ottawa to speak about the need to work together to ensure Ottawa remains safe and peaceful and to denounce all forms of hatred and discrimination, no matter what is happening in other parts of the world.

I'm grateful to live in a city with strong faith leadership. Working together, we are releasing this Faith Leaders statement that has been signed by a number of clergy in our city. We encourage other faith leaders to add their voices to this message. Thank you.

Mayor Mark Sutcliffe

We recognize that there is tremendous pain and grief in our city right now.

While we may not agree on everything, and at times, it may seem like we agree on very little, here in Ottawa we have a commitment that we share with every good person in the world.

We will never tolerate what is going on around the world to be used as a justification for any form of discrimination, violence or hatred in our city.

We request the wonderful residents of our beloved city to join us in calling out all forms of hatred, and to never glorify or take joy in violence. We urge everyone to never allow our ideologies, religious beliefs, or political positions to become a cause for hatred of another human being.

We are all neighbours. We stand with each other and against all forms of hate now and forever.

Faith Leaders

Imam Sikander Hashmi

Rabbi Idan Scher

Reverend Dr. Anthony
Bailey

Archbishop Marcel
Dampousse

Right Reverend Shane A.D
Parker

Imam Ismail Albatnuni

Imam Rashid Al-Qasmi

Imam Mohammed Badat

Reverend Stephanie Bates

Rabbi Menachem M. Blum

Reverend Elizabeth Bryce

Reverend Doctor Teresa
Burnett-Cole

Reverend Steve Clifton

Imam Zijad Delic

Reverend Brian Cornelius
Cantor Jason Green
Reverend Eric Hebert-Daly
Imam Ahmed Khalil
Rabbi Aryeh Kravetz
Imam Anver Malam
Bishop Yvan Mathieu
Imam Samy Metwally
Rabbi Chaim Mendelsohn
Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg
Imam Muhammad
Suliman
Reverend Jennifer Power
Reverend David Sherwin
Imam Myloud Tajri
Imam Owais Tilly
Reverend Carla Van Delen
Reverend Sandra Yule
Reverend Elaine Beattie
Reverend Andrew Jensen
Reverend Paul Dillman
Reverend Cindy Casey
Reverend Dr. Frank Emanuel
Reverend Dr. Jon Martin
Archdiacre Rhonda Waters
Reverend Geoffrey Chapman
Reverend Michael Garner

Reverend Jenni Leslie
Reverend Ed Gratton
Venerable Monique Stone
Archdeacon Mark Whittall
Father Alex Michalopoulos
Reverend James E. Pot
Rabbi Dara Lithwick
Reverend Kim Vidal
Reverend Lorrie Lowes
Jason Byers
Reverend Bob Davies
Reverend Canon Gary van
der Meer
Reverend Dr. Caroline Ducros
Reverend Ryan Farrell
Reverend Grant Stuckless
Bhai Manmohan Singh
Reverend Carolyn Seabrook
Hon. Kofi Opong Owusu
Imam Farhan Iqbal
Reverend Christopher Clarke
Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl,
C.M.
Reverend Dr. Karen Dimock
Reverend Peter Woods
Mark Peterkins
Reverend Steve Stewart

Reverend Dr. Gregory
MacRobbie
Reverend Douglas Ward
Reverend Dan Wallis
Dr. Daniel MacKinnon
Rabbi Steven Gotlib
Pastor David Hood
Reverend Colin McFarland
Reverend Omid Azgomi
Reverend Denise Allen-
Macartney
Reverend Meg Patterson
Reverend Grant Wilson
Reverend Paul Wu
Pastor Ken Roth
Reverend Joshua Wang
Pastor Dan Chook Reid
Reverend Eric Versluis
Pastor Dave Whitecross
Rev'd Deacon Steven Zytveld
Reverend Daryold Winkler