



## Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing

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### A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE SHARED VALUES AND INTENTIONS OF THE INTERFAITH CLERGY ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LANSING, MICHIGAN November 1, 2018

**WHEREAS**, as people of faith, we share the core values of loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, seeking justice, pursuing peace, and doing unto others as we would have others do unto us; and,

**WHEREAS**, as people who honor the Abrahamic tradition, we stand by the rights for all people because the God of Israel commanded, "You shall not commit murder;" and Jesus of Nazareth taught from the Torah, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself;" and Prophet Muhammad said, "Be Merciful to those on Earth and He who is in the Heaven will be merciful to you"; and,

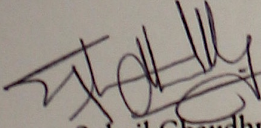
**WHEREAS**, we abhor the systematic xenophobia and derogatory speech that is being perpetrated against any and all human beings based on their ethnicity, religion, or national origin; and,

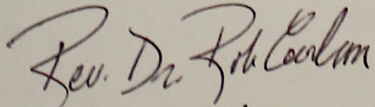
**WHEREAS**, we celebrate our country's rich diversity that is a result of being a nation of immigrants and refugees from its founding; and,

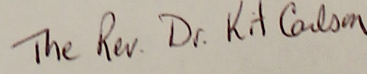
**WHEREAS**, we stand in solidarity with our Jewish neighbors who are being targeted with outright hatred in our country for their faith and condemn in the strongest words possible the outrageous attacks on the Jewish Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA on October 27<sup>th</sup> which resulted in the loss of innocent lives; and,

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that as human beings we have created barriers between faith communities that are contrary to God's will;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing and its representative faith communities hereby declare our intention to always stand in solidarity with all people whose humanity has been violated and that we are committed to continue building relationships of mutual trust and respect through shared education, fellowship, and outreach.

  
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