



Religious Coalition

FOR A VIOLENCE-FREE RHODE ISLAND

Our nation is reeling in the wake of yet another horrific mass shooting, this time our nation's deadliest. In response to this heinous event that ended the lives of fifty individuals and broke hearts worldwide, we, the religious leaders of Rhode Island call on our communities to pray for healing and wholeness amidst our brokenness. Empowered by our relationship to the Divine, we endeavor to stand up and speak out against all acts of violence.

As people of faith we voice our loving support for those directly affected... the city of Orlando, the LGBTQ community, and our Muslim neighbors. The terror that ensued has affected us all, and we will not rest until we assure that such terror will not happen again.

We are inherently concerned about the increasing violence in our society, and we commit to bringing it to an end. Working in solidarity we will move this nation from darkness to light. Together we will bring our communities from despair to hope. We will not give in to fear!

In the face of such hatred and anger, we are called to elevate love. We are called to pursue justice, and we are called to bring about an enduring peace for all people in all places, regardless of faith tradition, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation.