



# Bethany Lutheran Church

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## **PROCLAMATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH MUSLIM PEOPLE OF THE TWIN CITIES AND ELSEWHERE**

In the wake of terrible acts of hatred and violence against innocent people, the Bethany Church Council wishes to affirm that all people on earth are equally children of God. We wish to especially affirm the love and respect which we feel toward our Muslim brothers and sisters in God's family living in the Twin Cities.

God teaches us that it is always wrong to hate or to hurt others. It is especially wrong to hate or to hurt anyone simply because they belong to a certain faith or a certain race or a certain culture.

### **SAFETY AND SANCTUARY**

We pledge ourselves to promote friendship and understanding among all peoples. We pledge to speak against hatred or fear. We pledge whatever support or security we can provide to anyone who is in danger from this kind of abuse.

Let it be known that Bethany Lutheran Church will be a safe place for Muslim people to come for shelter if it is needed.

In behalf of the Bethany Church Council,

Steven Benson, pastor

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**WE ARE A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION.**

All orientations, abilities, ethnic backgrounds and ages are welcome here!

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