

Statement Against Hate

“Christian belief that all human beings are divine image-bearers to one another grounds our efforts to combat Islamophobia and antisemitism. Hospitality is the act of recognizing the image of God in others. As Christians, we are taught to welcome the stranger and to be blessed and not threatened by difference. We are called to provide nourishment, care, and protection to all.”

-Denouncing Antisemitism and Islamophobia, General Assembly on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, Presbyterian Church, USA, March 9, 2023

We the members of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference, composed of members of many Christian denominations across the State of Louisiana, feel that we need to make this statement, as we are deeply concerned about the rise of antisemitic and Islamophobic actions and statements of recent months.

As followers of Jesus, who welcomed all people, and affirmed their inherent dignity, without any reservation, we condemn such rhetoric and actions as completely incompatible with the teaching of our Christian faith.

We further stand with our brothers and sisters, of the Jewish tradition, the Islamic tradition, and all people of any tradition, affirming them, and wishing to let them know of our care for them.

We also pray for all people, especially those who would proclaim hatred and calumny toward others, because of their beliefs, that God will move their hearts to change, and to recognize the innate human dignity of every child of God.

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