

Joint Statement of Solidarity and Call for Action Against Hate

We affirm our shared commitment to building and defending a country in which all Canadians enjoy equal rights and can live free of fear, intimidation, dehumanizing rhetoric and acts of bigotry.

We refuse to be silent in response to the horrible events that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia, and acts of hate that have been perpetrated here in Canada – including incidents of bigoted graffiti, the dissemination of racist propaganda, and white nationalist rallies.

Now more than ever, it is clear that white supremacy, antisemitism, homophobia, anti-Muslim prejudice, bigotry against Indigenous peoples, and all forms of hate are inextricably linked and must be opposed with legal and non-violent means by all people of good will.

We pledge our solidarity with those communities targeted for hate in these rallies. An attack against any minority is nothing less than an assault on Canada's democratic values and a threat to our entire society.

We urge all levels of government in Canada to take action to counter these concerning trends. We ask that governments review laws and policies pertaining to hate and hate crime, and make appropriate changes where necessary – including:

- Establishing uniform guidelines for the collection and publication of hate crime and hate incident data;
- Creating training programs for public, police, and prosecutors that allow for more consistent and effective enforcement of hate speech laws;
- The creation of dedicated hate crime units for all sizeable police agencies;
- New measures to monitor and counter the spread of hate propaganda, which often serves as a precursor to violent radicalization.

Centre for Israel and Jewish
Affairs
Rainbow Railroad
Halifax Pride
Calgary Pride
Ottawa Capital Pride
Winnipeg Pride
Beth Tzdec Congregation
Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at of
Canada
Toronto Pflag Kulanu Yad b'Yad
Association of Progressive
Muslims of Canada
Jamaican Canadian Association
Ghanaian Canadian Association of
Ontario
Christian-Jewish Dialogue of
Toronto
Hillel Guelph
S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
Global Hindu Foundation of
Canada
Hillel Queens
Hillel Ryerson
Khalsa Diwan Society (Vancouver)
Gurdwara Sahib Dasmesh of
Surrey
Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara
Association
Chinese Cultural Centre of
Greater Vancouver
Hillel Canada
Hillel University of Toronto
Hillel Winnipeg
Hillel York
Hillel McMaster
Evangelical Lutheran Church in
Canada

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of
Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada
Canadian Rabbinic Caucus
Baha'i Community of Canada
World Sikh Organization
Ukrainian Canadian Congress
Armenian National Committee of
Canada
Chinese Freemasons
Vancouver Branch Shon Yee
Benevolent Association of Canada
The Laurier Institution
Baha'i Community of Vancouver
Hillel Waterloo
Hillel Western
Hillel Calgary
Gurmat Center of Abbotsford
Multi Faith Action Society of BC
Vancouver Chinatown Merchants
Association
Canadian Ramgarhia Society
Canadian Italian Business and
Professional Association
Dashmesh Culture Centre
Chinese Benevolence Association
of Vancouver
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