

A Resolution on Community Violence

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The prophet Jeremiah calls upon the people of God to seek the welfare of the city where they are and to “...*pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare*” (29:7).

The Lancaster County Council of Churches Board of Directors grieves the loss of life across our country and our world in recent months. God cares deeply for all persons, in all places, in all circumstances.

As people of faith who serve anyone in need, and transcending denominational and inter-faith differences, we call upon all houses of worship in Lancaster County to a season of prayer and unity for the welfare of our community.

Specifically:

- We commit ourselves to pray daily for all of our brothers and sisters who have been victims of harm and violence.
- We commit ourselves to seek systemic and institutional change toward fairness, social justice, and racial equality.
- We commit ourselves to an ongoing educational process of learning what it means to dismantle systems of oppression, injustice, and racial inequality.
- We commit ourselves to be part of the solution, part of the conversation, and part of the way forward through our actions of hospitality, forgiveness, and service.

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