



GREATER HUNTINGTON BEACH INTERFAITH COUNCIL

Dedicated to understanding, respecting, promoting, and celebrating spiritual and cultural diversity

Executive Committee:

October 30, 2018

Marsha Rechsteiner,
President
Sts Simon & Jude Catholic
Church

Tree of Life Congregation
5898 Wilkins Ave.
Pittsburg, PA 15217

Rev. Anthony Boger, Vice-
president
Surf City Methodist

Mark Currie,
Immediate Past President
Baha'i Faith of Huntington
Beach

Maha Ragab, Secretary
Muslim Community

Emrah Erduran, Treasurer
The Pacifica Institute

Jynene Johnson, Member
Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Day Saints

David Garofalo, Member
St. Bonaventure Catholic
Church

Marcy Tieger, Member
Habitat for Humanity

Dear Tree of Life Congregation,

The Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council sends our deepest sympathy to all members of your congregation as you carry the pain of a senseless act of hate. No individual or house of prayer should ever have to live in fear.

As an interfaith council, we believe that it is especially at times like this that we stand side by side, shoulder to shoulder and hand in hand. Standing together, as people of various faiths, ethnicities, cultures, and races, we must unite not only to preserve our fundamental values and moral precepts, but also to renew our firm conviction to make this world one which is defined by peace, compassion and love of one another, not hatred or violence.

To our Jewish brothers and sisters, know that we are here and that we stand together with you in your grief. May the hearts of those who were directly affected by this horrendous act of violence be comforted, now and always, by our endless prayers.

We have enclosed hand written notes from many members of our Interfaith Council, expressing their love and support for your community.

The GHBIC pen, used by each of those who wrote, is also enclosed.

B'Shalom,
Marsha Rechsteiner
Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, President

The Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith council is a gathering of representatives of faith based communities and individuals dedicated to understanding, respecting, promoting and celebrating spiritual and cultural diversity.