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Interfaith Statement on Fort Hood Atrocity

The atrocity that took place on November 5 at Fort Hood, Texas, is a tragedy that has undoubtedly brought sadness, anger and grief to many of our brothers and sisters. We mourn along with the families, friends, military personnel and other loved ones who have been deeply hurt by the loss of so many innocent lives. We offer our prayers and support for the victims of this violent act and their families. We fully support our Muslim brothers and sisters in our community who fear that these actions will make them vulnerable to discrimination and prejudice as the details of this incident unfold. We acknowledge with appreciation the public statements of many Muslim organizations condemning the atrocity at Fort Hood. This is a time when our faith communities need to come together so that all can be treated with respect without discrimination. Our faith traditions remind us to lovingly reach out to those most in need, and we want to make sure no one is excluded in the much needed embrace of communal prayer at this time. Please join us in offering our prayers and good thoughts for all those affected by the recent killings in Fort Hood.

Signed by: JCRC Executive Director Rabbi Doug Kahn, SFIC Chair Rev. James DeLange, SFIC Executive Vice Chair Rita R. Semel, SFIC Executive Director Michael G. Pappas, M.Div., The Most Rev. George Niederauer Archbishop of SF., The Right Rev. Marc Handley Andrus, Episcopal Bishop of CA, His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of SF, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of SF, Rabbi Douglas Kahn, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the Rev. Canon Charles Gibbs, Executive Director of the United Religions Initiative.)