

September 12, 2017

Dear Members of Adath Jeshurun Congregation,

As you prepare to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, we offer our love and prayers to your community of faith. We want you to know that we are concerned by the anti-Semitic rhetoric and behavior that threaten Jewish communities here in the Twin Cities and nationwide. You deserve to feel safe in your synagogues and respected as people of faith in your daily lives.

As faith leaders in Minnetonka, we promise to promote respect for your religious freedom and proclaim your dignity as beloved children of God. We denounce white supremacy in all its sly and blatant forms. In signing this letter, we promise to address racism and religious intolerance in our congregations for the sake of human decency and God's justice.

We know that it is customary for Jewish communities to sound the shofar in honor of a new year. Please consider this letter another kind of noise raised. We are your neighbors and we love you fiercely. As a new year begins, please know that we stand with you.

Shanah Tovah,

Mark Vinge, Senior Pastor  
House of Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Sheikh Jamel Ben Ameer  
Al-Amaan Center for Worship and Education

Pastor Matt Sipe  
Minnetonka United Methodist Church

Pastor Paul Johnson  
Ridgewood Church, Minnetonka  
(Converge Baptist)

Pastor Jon Pederson  
All Saints Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Pastor Jon Herring  
Cross of Glory Baptist Church in Hopkins

Rev. David Landt  
Mills Church  
A Multi-Denominational Christian Community

The Rev. Dr. Anita L. Bradshaw  
Transitional Pastor  
St. Luke Presbyterian Church (PC-USA)

Rev. Meta Carlson, Minnetonka Campus Pastor  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Twin Cities (ELCA)

Jason Salyers, Senior Pastor  
Minnetonka Seventh-day Adventist Church

Reverend Tiffany McDonald  
Minnetonka United Methodist Church

Jay Rudi, Senior Pastor  
Oak Knoll Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Rev. Kayla Monson  
Oak Knoll Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Pastor Satise Roddy  
Oasis Church (Assembly of God)

Father John Bauer, OFS  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church