

CLEARWATER CONGREGATION CONDEMNS JANUARY 6 MOB VIOLENCE

Unitarian Universalists Board of Trustees and Ministers statement on the Jan. 6 mob violence during the Electoral College certification process

Clearwater, FL, January 7, 2021 - We, the board and ministers of the Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, Florida, unequivocally condemn the terrorist insurrection at the US Capitol on January 6. We also condemn the apparent racism underlying the response of a policing system that was unprepared to prevent a mob of white extremists from committing domestic terrorism against government institutions and the American people.

We call upon the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States of America to expel from their body those Representatives and Senators who fomented the January 6 insurrection by their efforts to overturn the results of the Electoral College, forsaking their oath to uphold, defend and protect the Constitution of the United States.

Further, we call on the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment and to remove from office President Trump, whose demagoguery in words and action incite violent and seditious behavior.

As our Unitarian Universalist Association President Susan Frederick Grey has said, "As Unitarian Universalists, it is important to remember that our commitment to democracy is not just political or moral, it is fundamentally theological. It grows from our affirmation of the inherent worth and dignity of every person and the Universalist understanding that we are all part of one creation, interconnected."

We are prepared to join in collective moral faithful action to defend our democracy. We call on all of our country's leaders and institutions to do the same.

The Board of Trustees, Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater
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