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Public Statement of InterFaith Works Roundtable of Faith Leaders

Syracuse, November 18, 2025 – As faith leaders in Central New York, we unite to support people who are poor, oppressed, and vulnerable, people who are pushed to the margins of our society and who now face losses of great magnitude.

Our faith traditions affirm the dignity of all people, and we seek to build understanding by caring for children who have lost their parents, providing food for people who are hungry, defending those who suffer oppression, and offering shelter for people who have no place to rest. We echo this universal ethic of compassion in our call to seek human-centered solutions to the divisions among us and to care for each other.

At this challenging time when people are experiencing anxiety, fear and instability, we offer our resources of peace, wisdom and courage, seeking truth and working for justice. We encourage all people to embrace these values that shape our humanity, and call upon us all to promote solidarity, community, and love.

Pastor Alberta Abrams
Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ

Magda Bayoumi
Islamic Society of Central New York

Sharif Anael Bey
Moorish Science Temple of America

Beth A. Broadway, President Emerita
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The Rev. Dr. Bruce W. Burns, Sr.
Hopps Memorial CME Church

Pastor David Buzard
United Methodist Church, St. Paul's
Syracuse

Mark Cass
North Side Learning Center/Masjid Isa
Ibn Maryam (Mosque of Jesus Son of
Mary)

Sensei JoAnn Cooke
Zen Center of Syracuse

Mary Beth W. DiMarco
Syracuse Friends (Quaker)

Rabbi Ilan Emanuel
Temple Concord

Chris Foley, President/CEO
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The Rev. Timothy Hannon
Christ Church Manlius
Episcopal Church in the Diocese of
Central New York

President Scott Hale
The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints, Syracuse New York
Stake

The Rev. Suzi Harrieff
Mission Hope Community
American Baptist Churches, NYS

The Rev. Brian E. Konkol, Ph.D.
Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University

Bishop Colette Matthews-Carter
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The Rev. Dr. Melissa M. Morral
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Jennie Prouty
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The Rev. John F. Rose
Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse

Natasha E. Schmidt
Unity Church of Syracuse

Mark Segel
Jewish Federation of Central New York

The Rev. Dr. Peter Shidemantle
The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse

**Dr. Baljinder Singh &
Mrs. Gurvinder Kaur**
Sikh Foundation of Syracuse

Madalyn Smith
Rangrig Yeshe, Dzogchen Ati Ling Center

The Rev. Rebecca Truland
King of Kings Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
Upstate NY Synod

Danya Wellmon
Women Transcending Boundaries

Dr. Rachna Zirath
Hindu Community

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