

Good afternoon, I am Rev. Mansfield Kaseman, the Interfaith Community Liaison in the Office of Community Partnerships.

I proudly crossed the border into DC - where I am representing the Anglicans through Zoroastrians of Montgomery County.

We stand in solidarity with you and all who are prepared to denounce bigotry in all its forms, and work toward the beloved community where every basic human need is met and every human right respected.

During the presidential campaign German churches were asking their sister denominations in America - to address the dangerous rhetoric that they understood would lead to greater hatred and violence.

A few spoke out but most remained silent. Today we are breaking the silence. We are here to speak, to pray and to organize for acting upon that for which we pray.

A central truth of the Civil Rights Movement and of all our faith traditions is that the power of love is far greater than all forms of loveless power.

With that in mind we have no reason to be afraid, and ever reason to believe we will prevail.

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