



Religious Leaders Council
of Greater Philadelphia

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Hosted by the *Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia*

* Processional and Gathering Hymn "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Grant Us Peace)

* Welcome and Opening Prayer Cardinal Justin Rigali

Readings from Sacred Scriptures

Jewish: Pirkei Avot: The Teachings of the Sages 4:1 Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell
Muslim: Quran, Surah Al-Ahzab (Surah 33) Imam Muhammad Abdur-Razzaq Miller
Christian: Revelation 21:1-5 Reverend Albert Campbell

Musical Selection

Prayer Rabbi David Straus and Imam Anwar Muhaimin

* A Pledge Reverend Luis Cortés, Jr. (Spanish) and Reverend James Moore (English)
with Mayor-elect Michael Nutter

The Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia prays fervently for an end to violence in our region. The Council calls on all to work for peace as it leads its constituencies into the ways of peace. The Council allies itself with all who work to eliminate today's culture of violence: its causes, incidents, and tragic consequences. Those who commit acts of violence and their victims need us to be peace-makers. Let us listen to their cries, their hopes and their dreams; and let each of us say:

We pledge as individuals:

**ALL: To promote peace
In our homes and communities.**

We pledge to work with others:

**ALL: To eliminate the causes of hatred,
To honor the dignity of all people,
To lay down our weapons,
And to find non-violent solutions
When tempted to hurt another.**

We pledge to be instruments of God's peace:

**ALL: To make our homes and neighborhoods zones of peace,
Free from fear, filled with respect,
And marked by deeds of kindness.**

* Closing Blessing

Rabbi David Straus (Hebrew)
Imam Anwar Muhaimin (Arabic)
Cardinal Justin Rigali (English)

May the Lord bless you, and keep you;
May the Lord make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;
May the Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.

* Sending Hymn

"America the Beautiful"

* *All who are able may stand.*

The *Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia*
was formed in 2006 to unite religious leaders,
to build relationships of mutual support,
to offer a moral and spiritual voice,
and to take action on issues of critical concern in our region.

Imam Anwar Muhaimin - International Muslim Brotherhood, Inc. *

Cardinal Justin Rigali - Archdiocese of Philadelphia *

Rabbi David Straus - immediate past President, VAAD: Board of Rabbis *

Bishop Claire Schenot Burkat - Southeastern PA Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Reverend Luis A. Cortés, Jr. - Hispanic Clergy of Philadelphia & Vicinity

Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell - Union for Reform Judaism

Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Reverend Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr. - Philadelphia Leadership Foundation

Rabbi Leonard Gordon - Rabbinical Assembly, Philadelphia Region

Rabbi David L. Gutterman - VAAD: Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia

Rabbi Richard Hirsh - Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association

Arthur Larrabee, General Secretary - Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Religious Society of Friends

Reverend Steven B. Lawrence - Metropolitan Christian Council of Philadelphia

Bishop Marcus Matthews - Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, The United Methodist Church

Imam Muhammad Abdur-Razzaq Miller - Mosque of Shaikh M. R. Bawa Muhaiyaddeen

Reverend Dr. F. Russell Mitman - PA Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ

Reverend James Moore, Sr. - Black Clergy of Philadelphia & Vicinity

Bishop Richard Norris - African Methodist Episcopal Church

Presbytery of Philadelphia, Presbyterian Church USA

Imam Asim Abdul Rashid - Majlis Ash-Shura of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley

Imam Muhammad Shahada - Al Aqsa Islamic Society

Archbishop Stefan Soroka - Archeparchy of Philadelphia

Rabbi Ira Stone - VAAD: Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia

In Formation

* Co-Conveners

The *Religious Leaders Council* is coordinated by the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia

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