

**Interfaith Leaders of Louisville Call for Peace with Justice:
Request Metro Resolution for a Ceasefire in Palestine**

We abhor the loss of life, and the pain and suffering caused by the attacks by Hamas on October 7, 2023, and the ongoing anguish of the hostages and their families.

We abhor the ongoing loss of life, and the pain and suffering caused by the Israeli military in Gaza and the West Bank where the world is witnessing a horrific attack on an entire population.

At this critical moment in human history, the words of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Martin Luther King, Jr., in his book, ‘Where Do We Go from Here: Community or Chaos?’ resonate prophetically:

“The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy, instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through violence you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate. Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

We summon our collective courage to open our eyes to the atrocities happening and to do all we can to bring about a peace based on safety, respect, and justice for all. If justice is absent, there is no hope for peace.

We begin by requesting our Metro Council representatives to pass a resolution calling on the US government to pressure for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

A military solution is impossible, and a future of peace can only begin with an end to the violence and oppression. “Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” Let us choose love!

With urgency,

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