



**To the leadership of the Jewish community in the United States
C/O: Rabbi David Saperstein, Alliance of Virtue Steering Committee Member**

Greeting of Peace:

It was with great sadness that I heard of the horrific terrorist attack and murder of innocent worshippers at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. On behalf of the leadership of the Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies based in Abu Dhabi and the Alliance of Virtue, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the victims, their families and to the entire Jewish community in the United States and around the world. My prayers are with all of you at this time of tragedy.

An assault on one religious community is an assault on our common humanity. We stand with you in solidarity in protesting this crime, which strikes at the heart of the right of all people to worship their Creator without fear.

Our efforts in the past years, in partnership with Jewish leaders from the United States and others, have been to advance understanding and mutual respect for the wellbeing of all humanity, and to work together to develop those virtues we share in high regard in the face of a world that seems to forget them. Attacks such as this require us to redouble these efforts to ensure that all may exercise religious freedom wherever they are.

The Forum and its leadership condemns in strongest possible terms anti-Semitism, hate crimes, and terrorism of any type, and joins the religious communities in the United States and around the world in sending a clear message that any such attempts at intimidation directed against any religious communities cannot be justified, and is doomed to fail.

Yours in Solidarity and Partnership for Peace,



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