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"STANDING TOGETHER" PUBLIC EVENT TO UNITE THE COMMUNITY IN RESPONSE TO RECENT RISE IN BIAS AND BIGOTRY

In response to the recent rise in hate speech, bias, and division, the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities and community partners invite the public to a "Standing Together" gathering to explore themes of interfaith understanding, solidarity, and community.

What: "Standing Together" RVA Community Gathering

When: Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Where: Third Street Bethel A.M.E. Church (614 N 3rd Street, Richmond)

Who: Speakers and panelists will include religious and lay leaders from Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim traditions. The general public is invited to the event, and 400 people are expected.

How: The program will include diverse speakers, an interfaith panel, and facilitated small group discussions exploring themes of interfaith understanding, solidarity, and community.

Why: To demonstrate support for those who have been targeted and to stand together against divisive and bigoted rhetoric and actions

Website: Visit www.inclusiveva.org/standing-together-rva to learn more about the "Standing Together" initiative

Organizers include representatives from Bon Secours Richmond Health System, Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond, Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond, Richmond Hill, Richmond Peace Education Center, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, Temple Beth El, Unitarian Universalist Community Church, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, Virginia Council of Churches, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, and the Virginia Muslim Coalition for Public Affairs, and others.

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