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**“STANDING TOGETHER” PUBLIC EVENT TO UNITE THE COMMUNITY
IN RESPONSE TO ISLAMOPHOBIA AND XENOPHOBIA**

In response to increasing Islamophobia, xenophobia, and divisive rhetoric, 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” Public Event

When: Sunday, January 10, 2016 from 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Where: Congregation Beth Ahabah (1111 West Franklin Street, Richmond, VA)

Who: Speakers and panelists will include religious and lay leaders from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Unitarian Universalist traditions. The general public is invited to the event.

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 the Muslim community and to stand together against divisive and bigoted rhetoric

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

Organizers and participants include representatives from Bon Secours Richmond Health System, Congregation Beth Ahabah, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond, Islamic Center of Virginia, Sikh Gurdwara of Richmond, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Temple Beth-El, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, Virginia Muslim Coalition for Public Affairs, Virginia Union University, and others.

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