

Special Electronic Board Meeting to Consider a Letter of Support for the Islamic Community from the UUUCS Congregation

Background

Reverend Rick requested that the Board, acting for the UUUCS Congregation, approve the following letter of support for the Islamic Community:

Islam is one of humankind's great spiritual traditions which guides our many Muslim sisters and brothers around the world to walk the sacred path of compassion, wisdom, peace and justice, thereby enriching us all. Since the earliest days of our nation's history Muslim Americans have been woven into the fabric of our national story and today we celebrate the strengthening presence of people from around the world who practice the Islamic faith. This enhances our diversity and greatly blesses our nation, and for this we are grateful.

We are profoundly distressed and saddened that there are those whose minds have been poisoned by fear, ignorance or bigotry against the Islamic faith, and we are shocked and heartbroken at the vicious attack on Muslims in New Zealand during their Friday prayers. This was a vile act which we utterly condemn. It has caused grievous harm to the members of the Islamic Community of Salem, OR and to all Muslims in our community beyond our full understanding, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy, compassion and concern to the members of the Islamic Center of Salem, OR. Please know that you are not outsiders, you are an integral and important part of our community. Please also know that we are committed to do all that we can to help, not only during this time of grief, but in the days to come.

Signed

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation/Church or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion:

Robin moved and Joanne seconded a motion that the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem approve the statement in support of the Islamic Community. A quorum being present, the electronic vote was unanimous.