



SHARING SACRED SPACES

An Interreligious Communities Project

A Pledge of Solidarity

We, communities of faith and spirit serving in the city of Toronto, acknowledge and commit to these ideals:

- That the work of cultivating the religious and spiritual life of human beings is an essential part of the strength and progress of our community;
- That supporting those who are committed to cultivating religious and spiritual life strengthens the entire fabric of our community;
- That we honour the wider traditions of those affiliated, worshipping, or practicing with the communities listed here;
- That we actively look for ways to stand in solidarity with each other and to serve our wider community;
- That we stand together against any public attempt to disrespect or harm the well-being of any community of faith or practice or its sacred space;
- That we celebrate our shared values of compassion, respect, peaceful coexistence, and harmony in diversity; and
- That we believe and actively engage in the principle of knowing and learning about one another.

Signed this day, the thirty-first of March, two thousand twenty two, at 40 Oak Street in Toronto, by the following representatives:

Rev. Ralph Carl Wushke, Pastor
First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Micky Fraterman, Chair Wider Community
First Narayever Congregation

Bishop Cardenas Piña
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day
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Rev. Lynn Harrison, Associate Minister
First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto

Marjorie King, Board Chair
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Toronto Sri Maha Ganapathy Temple

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Resource Centre

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Regent Park Community Ministry - Christian
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Imam Ismail Ulghar
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