

COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

- American Methodist Episcopal Church
- American Methodist Episcopal Zion
- American Baptist Churches
- American Lutheran Church
- Archdiocese of Chicago
- Baptist Ministers Conference
- Catholic Theological Union
- Chicago Baptist Institute
- Chicago Board of Rabbis
- Chicago District
- The Salvation Army
- Chicago Metropolitan Association
- Chicago Theological Seminary
- Church Federation of Greater Chicago
- Church of God in Christ
- Church of the Brethren
- Community Renewal Society
- Diocese of the Midwest
- Serbian Orthodox Church in U.S. & Canada
- Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
- Evangelical Covenant Church
- Greek Orthodox Diocese of Chicago
- Illinois Conference United Church of Christ
- Illinois Synod Lutheran Church in America
- Lutheran School of Theology-Chicago
- McCormick Theological Seminary
- National Baptist Convention of America
- National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc.
- Western Illinois Conference United Methodist Church
- Orthodox Church in America
- Presbytery of Chicago
- Progressive National Baptist Conference

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO AND THE CHURCH FEDERATION OF GREATER CHICAGO ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1987 WITH REGARD TO THE DEFAMING OF ANSHE-SHALOM-BNAI ISRAEL, 540 WEST MELROSE, CHICAGO, Illinois 60657

We have learned of the criminal acts which have occurred in the Lakeview community of our city. We are saddened and anguished that a place of worship has been defaced and profaned. We are dismayed that a religious and cultural tradition and a people among us have been assaulted by hatred and prejudice once again. We speak as members of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago and we are representative of many faith communities in this city. We deplore this evil that has visited our community. Prejudice and religious, racial or ethnic bigotry diminishes all of us and destroys the genuine possibilities for fairness, equity and hope among us.

The lack of respect, the loss of reverence, the emotional poverty, fear and insecurity that gives root to such evil, if left unchallenged and uncountered, can produce a vicious and tragic dynamic which can destroy us all.

We are one family of humankind. God has given us diverse gifts and backgrounds. Let us rejoice in the diversity of our people and their traditions. Let us honor our particular faiths as we honor and accept each other. Let us build a community of fairness, justice, peace and opportunity for all.