

# To the MSU Student Body

BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR  
SIBLINGS TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY  
(Psalm 133:1)

*To the Students of Michigan State University:*

We, the clergy and faith leaders of the Greater Lansing area, know that this has been a difficult time for the MSU community, and the upcoming visit of Richard Spencer is adding to the feeling of turmoil. As faith leaders in the wider Lansing community, we want to let you know that we have your back. All of us stand together with you-- the student body--hoping and dreaming that MSU will become more and more a community of love and healing, a place where all are welcome and none are despised, a place of truthfulness and compassion, and a place of tolerance and diversity. Any of us are here to provide listening ears for you. We also join with you and the wider community in asserting our shared values of diversity and acceptance for all. All of our religious traditions uphold the primary value of love. In the end, it is only love that will matter. And so we want you to know that we are here for you today, and will continue to be here for you going forward, proclaiming this single shared value: Love, not Hate.

We, the undersigned clergy and faith leaders, do hereby stand with you during this difficult time. We pledge to support you and keep you in our prayers. We pray for your physical safety and your emotional well-being as you navigate through the days ahead.

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