



NATIONAL MUSLIM CHRISTIAN LIAISON COMMITTEE

STATEMENT ON MASS SHOOTING IN CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

March 15, 2019.

The *National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee (NMCLC)* expresses its profound sorrow and outrage at the mass shooting of Muslims during Friday Prayer services at 2 mosques in Christchurch, Aotearoa-New Zealand that killed and injured many people.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims, the injured, and their families at the Al Noor Mosque and the Linwood Islamic Centre. We pray that God has mercy on the victims and their families.

We are taught that our communities are like one body. When one part suffers, we all suffer. As people of faith we are deeply distressed that once again communities gathered for worship have become targets of fear and hate-filled violence.

The *National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee* condemns all acts of violence and words of division and hate. We resist attempts to sow division and hatred among people of faith. We stand in solidarity with the Muslim communities of Christchurch, with Canadian Muslims and Muslims globally, and with all people of good will who come together to build peace, resilience, healing and to work for the common good.

The *National Muslim Christian Liaison Committee* of Canada is a forum for respectful dialogue on themes of common interest and for the exchange of faith-related concerns and areas of sensitivity between Muslims and Christians, through official representatives of both faiths. We seek to build long-lasting friendships and cooperation between Christians and Muslims, and to work toward a society based in values of compassion, respect and collaboration.

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