



## STATEMENT

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### **Jewish community expresses shock and outrage at Charleston church shootings**

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin— The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, which represents the organized Jewish community and dozens of Jewish organizations and synagogues, expresses shock and outrage at the shootings at Emanuel African Methodist Church in Charleston on Wednesday. It was the deadliest attack on a place of worship in our country since the 2012 attack on the Sikh Temple in Oak Creek.

We remember the victims of this senseless violence: Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Reverend Clementa Pinckney, Cynthia Hurd, Tywanza Sanders, Myra Thompson, Ethel Lee Lance, Daniel L. Simmons, Rev. Depayne Middleton, and Susie Jackson. May their memories be a blessing.

The current spike in violent acts targeting African Americans must be vigorously deterred. We unequivocally support the African American communities that find themselves under siege, and join in the call for their basic right to fairness and justice.

We affirm the sanctity of every life and our commitment to building a just society where every individual is valued and cherished. We affirm our responsibility to pursue justice, work with our coalition partners, and support our law enforcement and justice system to build a better society.

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#### **About the JCRC**

*Founded in 1938, the Jewish Community Relations Council, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, advocates for the rights and values of Jews individually and collectively, here and abroad. The Council implements a coordinated program of education, action, and advocacy for the Jewish community. For more than 100 years, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation has been dedicated to building a strong Jewish community. It distributed \$20 million last year to Jewish and non-Jewish organizations locally and around the world, and manages philanthropy through its \$150 million Jewish Community Foundation.*

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