

# InterFaith Leadership COUNCIL of Metropolitan Detroit

## Condemns Racism and Violence in Charlottesville

As a local organization, our mission is for people of many faiths to work toward a community that lives together in harmony. We are compelled to comment on the tragic events in Charlottesville on August 12 that have horrified, frightened and saddened our nation. The InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit vehemently denounces any racist or nativist thought. This generates hate and as we see, it is dangerous and can lead to violence.

We call on individuals of all religious beliefs as well as those without a particular religious affiliation to reflect on their shared values and commitment to a democratic society. We ask that the people of metropolitan Detroit reach out with friendship to their neighbors and anyone who feels frightened or marginalized. Finally, we are pleased that the local responses to the Charlottesville violence have been positive and peaceful.

