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To All Our Muslim Brothers and Sisters,

We heard with deep sorrow of the massacres at the Linwood and Al Noor Mosques in New Zealand. It is a deep tragedy whenever innocent lives are taken by violent people. In this case, those lives were taken while the victims were engaged in religious worship, in an attempt to honor their faith and improve their own hearts, and that is a deeper tragedy still.

We strongly condemn this cowardly and horrific attack. The gunman was filled with hate and inspired by others who are filled with hate. We stand in solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters, and in prayer with those who lost family, friends and loved ones in this heinous crime. Our hearts goes out in a special way to Imam Taha Hassane, Director of the Islamic Center of San Diego who honored us with the Invocation at our February General Membership meeting.

We wish to express our deepest sympathies to all those wounded, killed, and bereaved in this attack, and to say to all Muslims that we stand with you, and we will defend your rights to live and worship in peace, and to be free not only of deadly violence, but of discrimination and hatred as well.

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