

Interfaith Statement of Support for The Mothers' Walk for Peace, May 2009 and the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's Ongoing Mission

*We the undersigned religious leaders, organizations, and clergy,
representing different religious traditions:*

Believe in the sacred worth and dignity of each person.

Believe that one life lost to homicide is one life too many.

Believe that a unified religious voice is urgently necessary.

Believe peace is foundational within each of our respective religious traditions:

- In Buddhism – we commit to the bodhisattva path of compassion;
- In Christianity – we commit to the dream of justice, reconciliation, and God's Beloved Community;
- In Hinduism – we commit to the moral law of karma and the desire for Shanti, Shanti, Shanti;
- In Islam – we commit our wills in submission to Allah and work for Salam;
- In Judaism – we commit to the vision of the fullness of Shalom;
- In Unitarian Universalism – we commit to understanding and protecting the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.

Believe that the Golden Rule embedded in all world religions compels us to act toward others as we would wish they would act toward us – with love and compassion.

Call on all members to put the faith of our respective communities on our feet and to walk on Mother's Day, May 10th, 2009:

- To support peace and promote non-violence in our urban communities;
- To support the ongoing work of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute whose Seven Principles of Peace are: love, unity, faith, hope, courage, justice, and forgiveness.

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(Name) (Faith Community)

(Date)