

**Session writes letters of support in face of bomb threats.** At recent meetings, Oak Grove's session has signed letters of support to both the Sabes Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Community of St. Paul, following their recent bomb threats. The text is below. (See the "Thank You" section in this newsletter for their response.)

The Jewish Community Center

1375 St Paul Ave, St Paul, MN 55116

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Jewish Community Center:

The Oak Grove Presbyterian Church staff and Session (church council) write to express our solidarity with you and the entire Jewish-American community. We are deeply saddened and concerned about the bomb threat that closed your community center on February 20, 2017, and the other threats made to Jewish institutions across America that day.

As followers of Jesus, who preached love, welcome, and inclusion, we want you to know that we renounce the hatred directed at Jews (and Muslims and others) here and around the world.

As a church, we express our solidarity with all of you, as fellow descendants of Abraham. Ours is a God of love and justice. We acknowledge the sacredness of life and commit to be co-creators of the peace, mercy, justice, and forgiveness, taught by our faith.

Please know that when you feel prejudice, bigotry or hate from those claiming to be "Christian," we do not stand with them and will correct them. As followers of Jesus and children of one God, we mourn with you, weep with you, and pray with you until that day when peace will come. Please continue to spread love and peace throughout our community and know that you are not alone.