



To all People of Muslim Faith in Canberra Region,

Dear Friends,

Members of the Canberra Region Presbytery of the Uniting Church in Australia which met in Weston Creek on Saturday 23 March, 2019 passed a motion which stated:

"As Canberra Region Presbytery of the Uniting Church in Australia we are deeply distressed to hear of the shootings at the Deans Avenue Mosque and the Linwood Masjid in Christchurch, New Zealand. We offer our prayers and support to all those affected, particularly victims and their families.

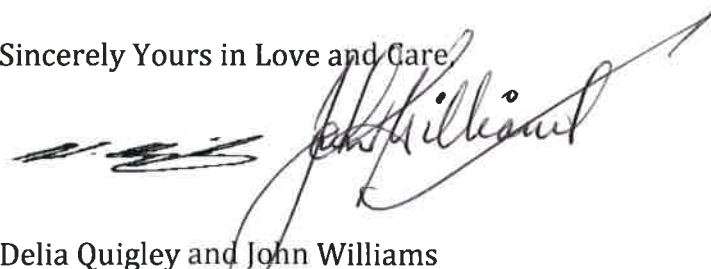
As people of faith our hearts go out to our Muslim sisters and brothers. An attack on people of faith is an attack on us all, who seek to worship in safety and peace."

We send this statement to the people of Muslim Faith in Canberra region as an indication of our love and concern for you and your fellow Muslims in New Zealand. We know from our personal interaction outside of Canberra Mosque on Friday 22nd March, how many of you knew those in Christchurch and how painful this has been.

May you and they know God's peace and presence in the days ahead as they and you seek to rebuild their lives and find solace in their life together.

For the future of our nation, we as representatives of the Uniting Church in Australia along with all churches of the ACT, pledge ourselves to work together with all, whatever our faith, culture or race, to grow a nation free of prejudice and fear; to be a people that refuses to be divided; a nation that cares for each other, particularly at times such as now.

Sincerely Yours in Love and Care



Delia Quigley and John Williams
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25 march, 2019.