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EMO Statement on Violence in Washington, D.C.

As people of faith, we denounce the violent attacks in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 6, 2021. These actions are an offense against our most sacred values and shared social contract. They threaten the democratic process and endanger innocent Americans.

We also urge those who have created space for deception to repent and join us in upholding the peaceful transition of power. We call on all people of faith and goodwill (including our local, state and national leadership) to reject misinformation, demagoguery and corruption.

Ongoing lies have fed the cancer of division and white supremacy in this country; they continue to corrode our social fabric and public discourse. We reject such distortions, including equivocation and dog whistle tactics designed to further divide and radicalize.

Our country is at a spiritual crossroads. This month starts a new chapter in the American story. Regardless of political differences, may we stand united in our condemnation of violence, commitment to the peaceful transition of power, and prayer for the well-being of our country and all its people.