



CHRIST CHURCH  
DARTMOUTH

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Ummah Masjid and Community Centre (UMCC)  
2510 St Matthias St  
Halifax, NS B3L 0A9

Dear Imam Abdallah Yousri,

I write to you on behalf of the Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Dartmouth. Like many Canadians, the members of our community are outraged and saddened by the targeted hate crime of this past week. We mourn the deaths of Yumna Afzaal, Madiha Salman, Talat Afzaal, and Salman Afzaal of London, Ontario. As the Islamic community grieves this senseless, tragic loss of life, I wish to extend our deepest condolences and sympathy to you and your community.

Undoubtedly, this tragic event has profoundly affected you and the people of the Ummah Masjid Mosque. As you conveyed on CBC last night, there is not enough being done to end Islamophobia. Collectively society needs to do more to prevent racism and hate crimes. As you call upon our nation to address this problem, please know that we at Christ Church stand in solidarity with you and offer our friendship and support.

This Sunday at Christ Church, we celebrate the Third Sunday After Pentecost. The day's scripture revolves around a small mustard seed and how something so minor can establish roots and create something beautiful. I pray that this simple letter expresses our support to you. At 10:00am this Sunday, during our prayer time, please know that we will pray for the Afzaal-Salman family, you and your family, the community of Ummah Masjid Mosque, and all affected by this week's events.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner  
Rector, Christ Church, Dartmouth  
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Anglican Church of Canada