

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...*

— AMENDMENT I TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**I** WE, THE UNDERSIGNED CLERGY OF GREATER KANSAS CITY, with common purpose and unified voice, bear witness to and embrace religious diversity as a primary strength and foundational value of our American democracy.

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**2** THIS CHERISHED DIVERSITY, born in mutual respect for the dignity God inheres in each human being, and which is foundational to our Constitution, promises freedom to worship and serve God as we see fit.

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**3** WE FURTHER BELIEVE that the God who created us all loves all human beings equally, those of faith and those of no religious faith.

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**4** WE URGE ALL KANSAS CITIANS to join in recognition of the sacred image in each human being.

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**5** WE PLEDGE TO ONE ANOTHER, and to our community, and we ask you to join us in conviction and practice, that no governmental body should ever preference any single religion's principles or convictions above another.

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**6** WHILE EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED is devoted to the Holy One as we understand the Holy One to be, we urge the complete separation between the powers of government and religion, affirming for each of us the absolute freedom to worship and practice as we understand the Sacred to require of us, and as guaranteed in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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**7** WE DECLARE THAT NO SINGLE RELIGION, group of religions or abstention from religion claims superiority to the law of the United States; and regardless of the individual religious convictions of the Founders, we acknowledge and promulgate that all religions have and shall by right possess, now and in the future, an equal status before the government of the United States and all other jurisdictions of this great nation.

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