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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

PRESS ALERT

Who: South Bay Faith and Religious Leaders Gather for Preventative Election Violence Plan

What: Faith Leaders call for a fair election and a non-violent response

When: TODAY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 3:00PM

Where: Portico of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1100 Shasta Ave., San José

Description:
South Bay Religious and Faith Leaders from diverse faith traditions call for a fair election and a non-violent response. Clergy and lay leaders from a variety of faith traditions in the South Bay address concerns about White Supremacy terrorist groups who seek to disrupt the election process and about all groups from across the political spectrum who violently contest election results. Faith leaders speak to the intersections of economic justice, racial equity, religious inclusion, and immigrants’ rights at stake in this election.

About South Bay Faith and Religious Leaders:
We are coalition of clergy and lay leaders who gathered in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement in response to the killing of George Floyd. The coalition brought together 200 clergy and lay leaders to march in June 2020, repenting of our institutions’ complicity in the enslavement and subsequent disempowerment and marginalization of Black, Brown, and Indigenous persons. We are committed to advancing social equity through non-violent means, in partnership with community-based organizations.

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AGENDA/SCRIPT:
Gong: Monica Rising (BASICS Tijuana Ministry)
Land Acknowledgment: Rev. Sammie Evans, Stone Church
Opening Prayer: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones
Statement of Purpose: Rev. Steve Pinkston, Maranatha Christian Center
Blessing of the Election: Rev. Ray Montgomery, PACT
Continued Statement of Purpose: Rev Bryan Franzen, Westminster Presbyterian Church
Introduction of November 4 Event: (Working Partnerships, USA)

Clergy and Faith Leaders statements
• Rev Jethroe Moore II, NAACP
• Maritza Maldonado, (pending, Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice and Empowerment)
• Tony Alexander, (pending, Antioch Baptist Church)
• Ossama Kamel (CAIR)
• Fr. Jon Pedigo (Catholic Charities)
• Benediction for Peace: Rabbi Dana Magat (Temple Emmanu’El, Reform Jewish)

Gong: Monica Rising

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