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**Statement on the massacre at
Tree of Life Synagogue in Pennsylvania**

The Faith Communities Council of Victoria has issued the following statement in response to the massacre at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pennsylvania:

We, the representatives of Faith and Community Councils within Victoria, unequivocally condemn this callous and senseless act of violence against the Jewish people and their place of worship.

We stand in solidarity with our Jewish friends, as we do for all communities who are targets of hate.

We offer our prayers and sympathies to family members and loved ones of those killed and wounded at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pennsylvania.

The loss of innocent life is senseless, and we pray for the victims of this horrible attack.

As leaders and people of faith, we pledge to work together to make sure such civil and anti-Semitic violence has no place here in Victoria.

Faith Communities Council of Victoria is comprised of the following peak bodies: Baha'i Community of Victoria, Brahma Kumaris Australia, Buddhist Council of Victoria, Hindu Council of Australia (Vic), Islamic Council of Victoria, Jewish Community Council of Victoria, Sikh Interfaith Council of Victoria and Victorian Council of Churches.

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