

9/11 Committee Statements

The Peace Village, UC

The Peace Village is honored to join with the many distinguished organizations of the Coalition in commemorating the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. Through our combined resources, we will send a message of hope to our community. The tragedy of the past events of that fateful day can never be ignored, minimized, or seen as anything other than a brutal wake-up call for our world. More than ever, we came to realize that real freedom involves a respect for all faiths, all human life, and for a world working to promote compassion. May our community learn these lessons of gentleness and mutual respect and stand ready to teach the values of justice.

BRIDGES statement:

BRIDGES for a Just Community is honored to join with the many distinguished organizations of the Coalition in commemorating the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. BRIDGES stands as our community's most responsive voice of conscience and the leading proponent of inclusion and equity for all people. In this role, BRIDGES uplifts religious freedom as paramount and is instrumental in advancing and promoting inter-faith dialogue and education to help bridge differences and to bring people together to achieve inclusion, equity and justice for all. This tenth anniversary of 9/11 provides an opportunity to remember the past, while uniting us in hope for the future.

CAIR-Cincinnati's Statement

The Council on American Islamic Relations in Cincinnati (CAIR-Cincinnati) and American Muslims everywhere wish to honor the lives of those lost on 9-11. We are reminded that the 9-11 attack did not differentiate between races and religions. Jews, Christians, Hindus, Muslims, people of all races, young and old were all victims of this horrific act. It was an attack on all of us. CAIR joins hands with other Cincinnati organizations to stand united across faiths and communities to remember the victims, honor our heroes, reflect on the past 10 years and together send a message of hope. CAIR is dedicated to stand up against violence and extremism in every community and works daily towards a common vision of justice and mutual cooperation.

JCRC & Jewish Federation

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati joins the coalition members of the 9/11 Observance Committee in remembering the terrorist attacks that took place on September 11, 2001. We recognize the importance and power of organizations focused on justice for all. By creating a meaningful tenth anniversary commemorative event in Cincinnati, we hope to contribute to a spirit of collaboration, joining together to honor the many lives lost and the heroic efforts of so many on that tragic day. The perpetrators of 9/11 have damaged the security of everyone in the world who cherishes democracy and freedom, and we believe it is important for all organizations of conscience to speak in a unified voice regarding this critical issue. Our intention is to take time to reflect and remember together, while inspiring hope for a future free from violent extremism – a future where people of all faiths and backgrounds can live freely worldwide.

MARCC

The Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati is honored to join with the coalition members of the 9/11 Observance Committee to commemorate the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. All races, ethnicities and faiths experienced a loss of lives on that day. We lift up all people who lost their lives in this tragic page of our history as a reminder to us all the importance of peace. America needs to keep its light shining on a path that provides freedom and with it responsibilities. As a melting pot people of all faiths we are asked to know and respect our differences and exercise religious freedom that brings about peace, prosperity and justice for all.

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

*Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.
We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for,
protected and handed on for them to do the same.*
~ U.S. President Ronald Reagan

No single moment in our recent history has served so strongly to reinforce these words of President Ronald Reagan. The events of September 11, 2001, forever re-defined freedom for all of America.

The mission of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center is to reveal the stories of Freedom's heroes, from the era of the Underground Railroad to contemporary times, challenging and inspiring everyone to take courageous steps for freedom today. By creating relevance between our nation's history and our global present, the Freedom Center reminds us that the struggle for freedom continues today. Let us remember all whose lives were lost in the tragedy of 9/11; all whose lives have been lost for the sake of freedom everywhere; and, all who risk their lives daily fighting for and protecting freedom for all.

American Jewish Archives-

The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives – located on the historic Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion – takes deep pride in standing shoulder to shoulder with the many outstanding communal, cultural, religious and educational organizations of the greater Cincinnati metropolitan area that have come together to commemorate the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. As we reflect back on the meaning of this national tragedy, we face our collective future with a firm determination to realize the highest values of our American tradition: one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati

Our work to heal ourselves and to heal the world seems puny in comparison with the destruction we have seen. Our task as people of faith is to be present to our grief and fear, but to continue to create peace and justice.

The Cincinnati Human Relations Commission (CHRC)

The Cincinnati Human Relations Commission is the second oldest human rights agency in the country and has worked diligently for over 65 years to promote human relations among all people by addressing and advocating where prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination exist. We are honored to be a member of the 9/11 Observance Committee, as we pay tribute to the individuals that lost their lives ten years ago, recognize the freedoms that we share, and strive for justice and equality for all.

The Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati (ICGC)

The Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati is honored to be part of the 9/11 Tenth Anniversary Coalition as it and the 10th Anniversary program underscore the principles of Faith, Community and Country to which the Center and the American Muslim community is deeply committed. Our Faith compels us to respect and work for the rights and religious freedoms for all in our diverse Community. We unite with others to remember and honor those lost while working together for a strong, united and hope filled Country.

The Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue at Xavier University

The events of September 11, 2001 have had profound impacts upon the life of the nation and upon our individual lives. Now that a decade has passed, it is right that we take a step back and reflect upon those events and those impacts. It is perhaps even more important that we reflect upon what they mean for our future. At this critical moment for our country, the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue at Xavier University is committed to engagement in dialogue about the range of issues - political, economic and religious, - that must be part of a new national conversation that looks at our shared

values and based upon them, seeks a path toward a better future for ourselves and our children. We join this coalition in the hopes that, for our community, this partnership will be an important step forward.

Interfaith Community Engagement at Xavier University

The mission of Interfaith Community Engagement is to create and strengthen a sense of community among individuals of diverse faiths. Its program encourages exploration, builds bridges and creates community. In the aftermath of the tragedy of September 11 the building of these unique bridges among young people is the best antidote for the pain of those lives that suffered and can serve as a wonderful healing for our shared American future. After ten years, never forgetting the tragedy, we must lift up our eyes and see the goodness of an America coming together. To see it we must work for it.

Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC)

Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC) is honored to join the distinguished group of organizations who have come together to form a coalition to commemorate the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. CMC welcomes and embraces our community as we strive to inspire people of all ages to learn more about our world through history and meaningful community experiences. Cincinnati's 9/11 remembrance event supports our commitment celebrating, commemorating and educating our community about events and stories that impact us and we are honored to have the opportunity to host the remembrance event at Union Terminal.

Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Soon after the tragedy of September 11, the U.S. Catholic bishops issued a pastoral statement offering words of consolation, criteria for moral discernment, and a call to action and solidarity. In it, they identified what would be required to effectively confront terrorism in the future: "We need to nurture among ourselves *faith and hope* to strengthen our spirits by placing our trust in God, rather than in ourselves; *courage and compassion* that move us to action; *humility and kindness* so that we can put the needs and interests of others ahead of our own; *patience and perseverance* to endure the long struggle for justice; and *civility and charity* so that we can treat others with respect and love." Ten years later, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, represented by the Catholic Social Action Office, unites with a broad group of faith-based and civic organizations and their leaders who also value these timeless virtues. Joining the 9/11 Tenth Anniversary Commemoration Coalition, we pause to remember that fateful day, the lives lost, and the courage of the heroes who responded. Moreover, we recommit to seeking authentic peace in the days ahead.