

Latter-day Saints Statement
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Shalom to our Jewish friends and everyone else.

I am Ruth Ellen Homer, and I represent my church on the board of the Center for Interfaith Cooperation. Pres. David S. Kinard of the Indianapolis North Stake has authorized me to read our statement. Although he isn't able to be here, I can provide his contact information upon request.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stands united with our Jewish neighbors in Carmel. We believe every synagogue should be undisturbed as a safe and peaceful place of worship.

Our founding leader, Joseph Smith, taught that “we claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, and what they may.”¹

Religious freedom encompasses safety in worship. In pursuit of this fundamental need, we extend our support and understanding to the Jewish community, as so many of them have done for us over the years. Whenever we can offer meaningful help, we are honored to do so. Thank you.

1. Smith, Joseph. The Articles of Faith:11 (1842)