



Maria'M

Féministes chrétiennes et musulmanes
en dialogue

Communiqué

The members of the women's group **Maria'M** wish to express their dismay and their support to the Muslim community of Québec and to all persons of Muslim faith affected by the hateful and violent attack which occurred on Sunday, January 29th, in the Sainte-Foy mosque.

Maria'M is a feminist dialogue of Christian and Muslim women, active since 2011. We are committed to sharing our spiritual traditions, to learning from each other and to working for a just and equal society, based on our feminist and religious values. Our faith traditions encourage us to love our neighbours, to welcome the stranger, and to work toward forgiveness and peace. It is beyond belief that a place of worship should have become a place of violence and death.

If we are truly to live together, we must reject all discourse tainted with prejudice and mistrust. In recent years, such attitudes, words and actions have deeply wounded our Muslim communities. We need to repair our social fabric by acts of friendship, sharing and respect. No one should live in fear because of their religion.

February 1st to 7th is the United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week. In the name of the dignity of each person and of the love that calls us to unity, let us build this harmony together.

In solidarity,

The women of Maria'M

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