



## **A Call from People of Faith to Stop Violence**

The Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia prays fervently for an end to violence in our region. The Council calls on all to work for peace as it leads its constituencies into the ways of peace. The Council allies itself with all who work to eliminate today's culture of violence: its causes, incidents, and tragic consequences. Those who commit acts of violence and their victims need us to be peace-makers. Let us listen to their cries, their hopes and their dreams; and let each of us say:

### **I commit as an individual:**

To promote peace  
In my home and community.

### **I commit to work with others:**

To eliminate the causes of hatred,  
To honor the dignity of all people,  
To lay down our weapons,  
And to find non-violent solutions  
When tempted to hurt another.

### **I commit to be an instrument of God's peace:**

To make my home and neighborhood zones of peace,  
Free from fear, filled with respect,  
And marked by deeds of kindness.

This call is an initiative of the Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia, formed in 2006 to unite religious leaders, to build relationships of mutual support, to offer a moral and spiritual voice and to take action on issues of critical concern in our region.